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Canada's policy towards boycott comes under fire

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TORONTO –

Leaders of major Jewish organizations, together with the leadership of the federal Conservatives and NDP, have expressed dissatisfaction with External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson's recent clarification of Canada's policy toward the Arab boycott in this country.

They called upon the Liberal government to enact binding legislation to combat economic blacklists.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Judge Phil Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said they were disappointed by the minister's remarks.

And they added they were distressed with earlier comments voiced by Trade Minister Jack Horner regarding Ottawa's anti-boycott guidelines.

In Ottawa, spokesmen for the Conservatives and the NDP told The Canadian Jewish News that the government has reneged on its pledge to uphold the anti-boycott guidelines introduced by the Liberals last year. They said Ottawa should adopt legislation containing penalties and sanctions.

The latest political flareup in the nation's capital was caused when Horner said he would not disclose the names of federally-assisted companies complying with the boycott. He pointed out that disclosure – a key element in the government's anti-boycott guidelines – would hurt the companies' sales and lead to libel suits.

In response to a question from Opposition Leader Joe Clark, Jamieson assured the House of Commons that the government had not changed its policy or jettisoned its guidelines. But he added that there are problems in making public a list of all Canadian firms the government knows have been asked to include boycott clauses in sales contracts.

In October of 1976, in a widely-acclaimed move, Jamieson announced that Canadian enterprises seeking governmental assistance would be required to report "all instances of their complying with boycott provisions", even if they did not accept the boycott clauses in their sales contracts.

He noted that "information obtained from such reports" would be publicized in the hope of embarrassing the offenders.

A directive from a senior Industry, Trade and Commerce official last January said a report would be released to the public semi-annually on companies that had complied with boycott requests. No such report has been issued to date.

In the aftermath of Horner's statements, Jamieson clarified his colleague's observations. He denied that Ottawa was abandoning the guidelines, but emphasized the legal problems confronting the government.

Some firms, he explained, have indeed complied with the boycott, while others have been asked to and refused. Listing the names of companies that had agreed to boycott clauses might smear firms that had resisted Arab pressure.

Horner's special assistant, Peter Thomson, told The Canadian Jewish News in a telephone interview from the capital that "it is still possible that names will be named." He said the question would be considered by the cabinet, and revealed that the government's first report on the boycott was in the final stages of preparation and would be tabled shortly.

The assistant said the list of firms complying with the boycott was "extremely short."

According to The Financial Post, there are 243 Canadian companies and organizations on the Arab boycott list. Canadian exports to the Middle East totalled $600 million in 1975 compared to $130 million in 1971.

Reacting to the latest developments, Rabbi Plaut, in a prepared statement, said: "I am greatly perturbed and feel that the remarks of Mr. Horner and the apparent disavowal by Mr. Jamieson did not go far enough."

Minimizing the effect of the guidelines, Plaut urged the government to introduce legislation. "...if Ontario can introduce laws which will protect its citizens from foreign interference, why cannot the federal government, whose responsibility this is in the first place, proceed forthwith?"

He said Horner's fear that publication of company names would damage overseas sales was "misplaced."

In an interview, the rabbi said "it would be helpful if the prime minister clarified the matter himself." Prime Minister Trudeau has stayed aloof from the controversy so far. Plaut added: "I would like the government to recognize finally that guidelines haven't worked and to in-

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Ontario praised for legislation

TORONTO [Staff] —

Legislation introduced by Ontario earlier this month to combat the Arab boycott in the province has been lauded as "precedent setting" and an "act of good faith" by the Canada-Israel Committee and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Judge Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said The Discriminatory Business Practices Act was significant because Ontario is the industrial heartland of Canada and therefore the province most affected by economic pressures from the Arab states.

The former Liberal MP and MPP termed the legislation, first promised by Davis last January during a trip to Israel, as "an act of good faith", and urged the federal government to draft a similar bill.

Nick Simmonds, CIC director of communications, called the legislation — the first of its kind in Canada — a "very positive move." Describing Premier Davis' proposed law as "precedent setting", Simmonds expressed the hope that the nine other provinces would emulate Ontario.

Irwin Cotler, a McGill law professor and author of an acclaimed report on the Arab boycott in Canada, said he thought the legislation was comprehensive, and "would serve most of the objectives" of those who have fought for a law against economic blacklists.

He said he hoped the legislation would become a model for the other provinces.

Howard Stanislawski, head of the CIC Ottawa office, said the legislation was excellent and represented a major step forward "in our hopes for action against the boycott in Canada." He noted that the Liberals and the NDP both supported the legislation.

He said he was particularly impressed with the legislation because it contained the type of sanctions which Ottawa's anti-boycott guidelines so conspicuously lacked.

The proposed bill, which will be re-introduced by the Conservative government in February when the Legislature convenes, would prohibit businesses from refusing to deal with a person or firm because of race or creed or because of other business dealings the second partner might have.

Davis announced in the Legislature the proposed bill is meant to combat the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott. It also deals, he added, with the disclosure of information or the required request for information of ethnic background and religious affiliation of contracting parties.

Contravention of the Discriminatory Business Practices Act would disqualify a person from entering a contract to provide goods or services to the provincial government.

The act would provide fines of up to $5,000 for an individual or $50,000 for a corporation seeking or furnishing information on the race, creed or national origin of business partners as a condition of business.

"By these civil means, it is our hope that this province will clearly indicate its abhorrence of such discriminatory practices within its boundaries," Davis told the Legislature.

The premier said he had forwarded copies of his legislation to the other provinces and the federal Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce with a recommendation for its adoption.

Congress allocates funds

TORONTO —

Allocations totalling $5,901,900 for Canadian Jewish welfare and educational services have been approved by the executive of the Toronto Jewish Congress, which disburses funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal.

The allocations, which cover the fiscal period commencing July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, are only 4.4% higher than last year.

Ronald Appleby, chairman of the TJC's budget and finance committee, calls it an austerity budget "which reflects the fact that the 1977 UJA campaign did not raise sufficient funds and thus limited the community's ability to fund all the needs to the extent we would have liked."

At the beginning of the budgeting process, last April, the schools and agencies were advised by the TJC that fiscal restraint was required because of the shortfall in the campaign. (The 1977 campaign raised about $1.4 million less than in the previous year). Appleby said the TJC suggested budgetary guidelines and, he points out, the approved budget "is well within those limits."

He said the budget discussions were "exhausting and emotional...but carried out with determination and devotion." He praised the agencies and schools for responding to the request for restraint.

He added that budget increases are due mainly to salary and other price increases with little or no expansion of services. But in making its determinations, "the budget and finance committee clearly recognized the needs of Israel, the national agencies and the local communit and its budget decisions demonstrate that it has discharged its responsibilities to the fullest."

The budget, as approved, shows allocations for Jewish education total $3,097,281, an increase of 5.8% over last year.

Local social service agencies will get $1,134,409, an increase of 1.6%.

National agencies (Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and UJRA) have been allocated $1,342,105, an increase of 1.4%.

The Toronto Jewish Congress administrative budget of $378,450 represents an increase of 4%.

Despite the tight budgeting, additional funds have been allocated for expansion of remedial programs in all the schools.

The budget report shows that because of the new full tuition policies of the subsidized schools, tuition income for 1977-78 has risen by more than 11% over budgeted income fro 1976-77 and this has, to a large extent, offset increases due to inflation and increased enrolments. Enrolments for the current school year are up 4%.

Included in the education budget is a five-year grant to York University for expansion of its Jewish teacher training program. Under terms of this arrangement, TJC will advance $50,000 to York the first year, with York absorbing the additional costs of the program.

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(Religious News Service photo)

Ashraf A. Ghorbal, Egyptian ambassador to the U.S., addresses Synagogue Council of America. It was his first address to a Jewish group. Meanwhile, Hassan Fahmy, Ghorbal's counterpart in Canada, has told The Canadian Jewish News he is willing to speak to Jewish audiences across the country.

If he receives invitation, Egyptian ambassador...

Ready to speak to Jewish body

OTTAWA [Staff] —

The Egyptian ambassador to Canada, Hassan Fahmy, says he is willing to address any major Jewish organization which invites him to speak.

Fahmy, 56, told The Canadian Jewish News in a telephone interview that he would be willing to emulate his colleague in Washington, Ashraf Ghorbal, who recently addressed the Synagogue Council of America in New York City.

He said that he has had no contact with Israeli diplomats in Ottawa and envisaged no such contacts until "we receive orders." He disclosed that meetings between Israeli and Egyptian diplomats in the United States were agreed to by both countries in advance.

"After January, following the Sadat-Begin talks in Ismailia, I am prepared to talk to the Jewish community," he said. "I would talk to them about the benefits of peace."

The former ambassador to Morocco and Syria said he was "very hopeful" about current diplomatic moves in the Middle East. He expressed the hope that Israel would offer sweeping concessions to Egypt and thereby set the stage for a genuine peace settlement.

He was unwilling to speculate what the outcome of the Sadat-Begin meeting in Ismailia might be. But Fahmy said a separate agreement was not in the offing. "I don't think so," he explained. "That wouldn't lead to peace. There should be a comprehensive agreement involving all the parties."

He said he though Sadat's demands in the Knesset — the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories and the creation of a Palestinian state — were not unreasonable. "Sadat's speech was not hard. His position has been adopted by many countries."

Asked why Sadat decided to go to Israel last month, the envoy noted: "This (Arab-Israeli) problem always concerned us more than any other country in the Arab world. And we felt that it would be better if we tackled the problem ourselves. We also felt that direct, face-to-face negotiations would meet one of Israel's main demands."

The diplomat said the Arab boycott would fade out of existence after a settlement. "If we arrive at a sound settlement acceptable to everyone, the boycott will be dropped."

Fahmy, asked to evaluate Canada's Middle East policy, said with a laugh: "It's even-handed. But their position at the United Nations is pro-Israel."

As the brief interview ended, the ambassador said: "I'd like peace-loving people to get together...and for Israel to reciprocate for Sadat's visit."

Kaplan plans motion condemning Soviets

TORONTO [Staff] —

Robert Kaplan (L. York-Centre) plans to table a motion in the House of Commons in the new year condemning the Soviet Union for refusing to release Jewish dissident Anatoly Scharansky.

According to Eric Gertner, one of Scharansky's lawyers in Canada, the government will support the resolution and immediately forward it to Moscow and Canada's delegate at the Belgrade Conference reviewing the 1975 Helsinki accord. Gertner was given this assurance by Multiculturalism Minister Norman Cafik.

Two weeks ago, External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson requested a meeting with the Soviet ambassador, reportedly telling him that Canada was prepared to offer the 29-year-old activist landed immigrant status if he were released and allowed to fly to this country.

The ambassador was noncommital, but on the following day the Soviets announced that they had extended for six months the police investigation of Scharansky, who was charged with treason.

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Responding to Moscow's decision, Joseph Pomerant, another of Scharansky's lawyers here, said Prime Minister Trudeau and Cafik had both promised him that Ottawa would do whatever was possible to secure the dissident's release.

Asked whether Canada possessed the political leverage to pressure the Russian government, the lawyer replied: "One day the Russians will want wheat and technology. We'll give them what they're giving to Scharansky. That's the only influence the Soviet government understands."

Irwin Cotler, a Montreal lawyer who also represents the activist, told The Canadian Jewish News that if there is sustained reaction in the West against his imprisonment he will be released, or booked on a lesser charge, and then freed.

Cotler offered his interpretation of Soviet thinking on the Scharansky affair. In the "best case scenario", the Soviets will wait for a while and take up Canada's offer after they are satisfied no one believes they succumbed to international pressure.

On the other hand, Cotler speculated, the Soviets may actually be uncertain about their next move, caught as they are between international protests and their desire to supress the dissident movement.

Max Shecter, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, said Moscow's insistence on detaining Scha-

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First Orthodox shul elects women to executive posts

MONTREAL [Staff] —

The Spanish and Portuguese congregation has elected two women to the executive of its board. This is believed to be the first time an Orthodox synagogue has permitted women to hold executive positions.

Miriam Regenstreif was elected treasurer and Claire Chitayat, a vice-president.

"We feel the two women are very capable," said re-elected president Leon Brownstein. "There has to be a first sometime."

Mrs. Regenstreif, associated with the Spanish and Portuguese since her childhood, has been a member of the board for 15 years.

She helped move the synagogue from its former site on Stanley Street to St. Kevin Street 30 years ago. She was also the synagogue's first purchasing agent and is a past president of the sisterhood.

Apart from synagogue activities, Mrs. Regenstreif, a third-generation Canadian, is a founder of ORT and B'nai B'rith Women in Montreal. She has, as well, been an active member of Hadassah,

Claire Chitayat

Miriam Regenstreif

Young Judea, the women's branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Red Cross and the Eastern Star.

"The Spanish and Portuguese has been my second home. I really appreciate what the men have done. I have a big job ahead of me and I am going to do the best I can."

Mrs. Chitayat, who was born in Iraq, is a past president of the sisterhood. She commented on her appointment: "For me it has a double significance to be given the position — both as a woman and as a Jew from the Middle East. It makes me feel very good."

Also elected to the executive was David Louterman, vice-president; Nathan Hoschmitz, parnass and David Kaufman, secretary. Niam S. Levy was named executive vice-president of the 211-year-old synagogue.

Increase is planned in services from CJF

MONTREAL [Staff] —

The National Budgeting Conference will present a detailed plan to increase the services in Canada of the New York-based Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at its plenary meeting to be held in Toronto Jan 17, Steve Ain, executive-director of Canadian Jewish Congress told a preparatory meeting Dec. 13 in Toronto.

The need for more services from the CJF in Canadian communities has been under intense discussion by a steering committee for the NBC since early fall of this year. Canada contributed about $160,000 to the CJF in 1976.

The issue was dramatized several months ago by Allied Jewish Community Services, the largest Canadian contributor, when the Montreal organization refused to pay the full amount of its dues for this year.

AJCS paid $54,000 last year to the CJF and by a complicated formula based on campaign income over the past three years was asked to pay $61,000 for 1977. It paid $58,000, an increase of 7% over its 1976 payment — the same overall increase allocated to its 22 local agencies.

One of the most important additional services from CJF that has been discussed is a part-time "Man in Ottawa," to investigate available federal grants in such areas as housing, the elderly, youth and multicultural projects.

Members use the CJF to supply personnel, information on social services and fund-raising, and for the training of professional and lay leaders.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, the two member agencies of the NBC — Congress and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (the third, United Jewish Relief Agency was recently integrated into Congress) submitted preliminary budgets showing about a 2% increase, Ain said.

Ain said the small increase was due in part to a decrease in the number of Jewish immigrants coming to Canada.

The final budgets of Congress and JIAS will be presented at the Jan. 17 session.

Egypt's army with Sadat

[Because of the holidays, The Canadian Jewish News had to go to press prior to the second Begin-Sadat meeting.]

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Egyptian War Minister Abdul Gamassy has told Israeli journalists in Cairo that the Egyptian army is 100% behind President Anwar Sadat no matter which way he goes. The journalists took this to mean that the army was supporting Sadat's peace initiatives but was ready to go to war if necessary.

Gamassy, a former commander of the Egyptian army who negotiated the first interim agreement after the Yom Kippur War, stressed throughout his conversation that he was a soldier and that he carries out the policies of politicians. He said the Egyptian army is not cutting back on men but is continuing its normal recruitment policy.

Meanwhile, the Israeli journalists seem to be getting the most favored treatment of all the foreign newsmen in Cairo. N. Beni Ami, a photographer for Yediot Achronot, was chosen as the pool photographer from among the foreign photographers to take pictures of Sadat as he was addressing a million people from his balcony in a demonstration of support for his policy. Sadat shook hands with Ben Ami telling him, "As you see, all here want peace."

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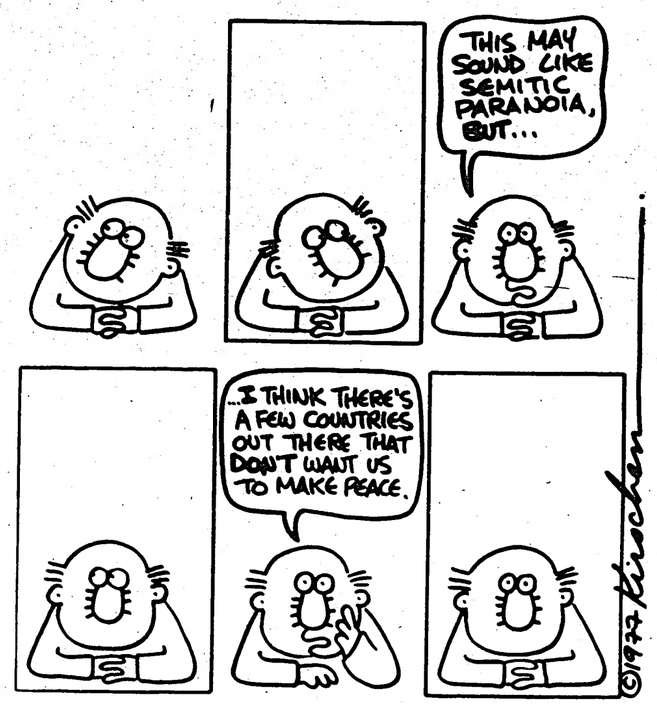
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Wife of UN diplomat receives gift of menora from Jewish women

NEW YORK, [JTA] — In an unprecedented event, Samiha Badawi, wife of the deputy ambassador of Egypt to the United Nations, Abdal Hulim Badawi, broke bread, accepted a gift of a menora and established warm relations with 100 members of the National Board of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism even as she said to them that the Palestinians must have a homeland and that "Israel's security cannot be underwritten by the insecurity of others."

Mrs. Badawi was warmly introduced by Ruth Perry, president of the league, who presented the menora to the visiting Arab dignitary.

Despite Mrs. Badawi's seemingly hard positions — she also called for Israel to give up territories — her major thrust and emphasis was on the hopeful side. Several times she stressed the values and affinities that Jews and Arabs share "as grandsons of a common prophet, Abraham."

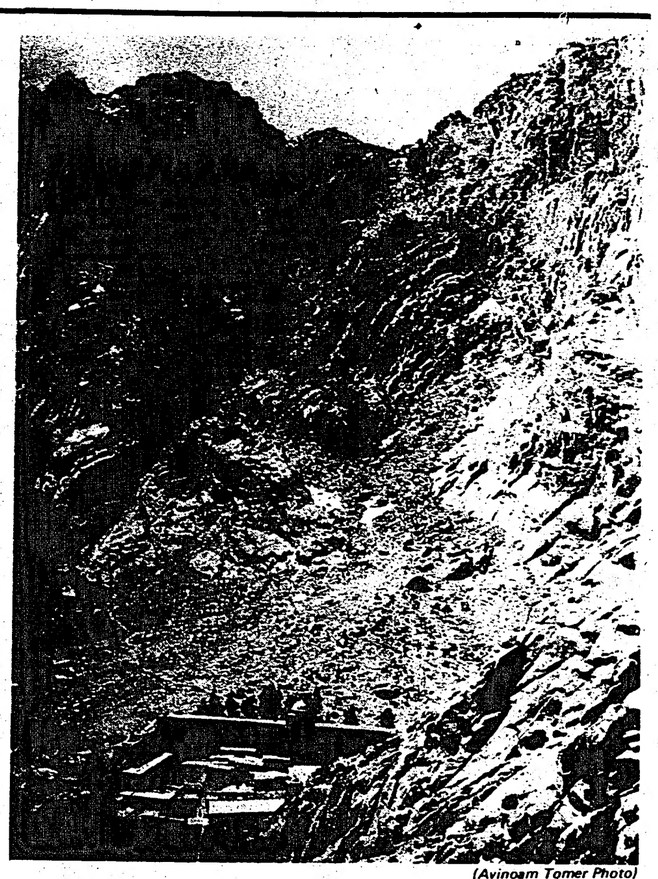
Decrying the misunderstandings, prejudices and suspicions that had been allowed to develop between the two peoples, she accented the positive. "The light seems to glint at long last," she said, "at the end ot the tunnel," and attributed the new atmosphere to the courage and visions of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Mrs. Badawi, 36, who has sons aged 13 and 8, appealed to women everywhere — as mothers and sister of sons and brothers who die in battle — to bend their utmost efforts towards a just and enduring peace in the Mideast, for which she saw bright hopes.

Saying that she was speaking "as an ordinary Egyptian woman and mother," she declared: "The Middle East is a land not only rich in its spiritual treasure, but also abundant in human and natural resources. The ingenuity of all the peoples in the area working together can restore to that region its past glory. Hopes have been reborn, on both sides. Peace must not be delayed much longer."

The occasion marked the first time that the wife of a high-ranking Arab official was paid a tribute by a major American Jewish organization. The league is the parent body of 800 sisterhoods of Conservative synagogues in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Israel. It is associated with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The league has also invited Eglal Esmat Meguid, wife of the Egyptian ambassador to the UN, Ahmed Esmat Meguid, but she was unable to attend because she returned to Cairo with her husband where he is Egypt's chief delegate at the Cairo conference.



(Avinoam Tomer Photo)

One of the most beautiful and popular tourist sites in Israel is the Santa Katerina Monastery. The Sinai Desert attraction may soon be back in Egypt's hands.

Zionist groups in U.S. fight over Begin photo

NEW YORK [JCNS] — The American counterparts of the two main Zionist elements in Israel's ruling Likud coalition are fighting each other over the use of photographs of Menachem Begin.

The United Zionist-Revisionists of America, the Herut party in the U.S. of which Begin is the spiritual leader, is suing the Zionist Organization of America, the fraternal affiliate of the Israeli Liberal Party, in New York State courts to force it to stop using pictures of Begin and other Likud leaders in its election campaign for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

This is but one of the two important events which is causing turmoil within the American Zionist Federation, to which all the American parties belong. The other is the decision of the Zionist Court in Jerusalem that the election plan devised by the American Zionists is illegal. This calls for 45% of the delegates to be chosen by the parties, and 55% by nation-wide elections.

This is considered a severe blow to the large parties, such as Hadassah, which because of their size could have, and possibly would have, come out of the elections with what the smaller parties consider an inordinate number of the 152 delegates allotted to the U.S. The smaller parties are happy with the decision, and a hot scramble for votes has been the result.

The Revisionists' own advertisements show a picture of Begin, and a quotation from him.

Return home

NEW YORK [JCNS] — Two of the 13 Jewish girls allowed to leave Syria for the U.S. in August, have returned to Syria, despite strenuous efforts by community leaders to dissuade them from doing so.

One girl returned to a Moslem boy friend who had contacted her and asked her to come back. The other went back at the behest of her mother.

Community leaders are reported afraid that the departure of these two women will lead others to consider the step.

There is bitterness in the community, because individuals are accusing one another of not having kept commitments to provide various necessities for the girls.

Two other girls from the group are reported to have found potential husbands, and the community is beginning preparations for their weddings.

Ottawa is criticized for boycott policy

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troduce the necessary legislation."

Plaut said legislation would not be tabled unless there was "widespread demand" from the general and Jewish community.

Givens said the situation in Ottawa was muddled, declaring: "I'm still not satisfied with the government's guidelines. And what Jamieson said in the House simply restores the status quo ante. We're no worse off than we were before. We want clear-cut legislation."

Earlier, the Canadian Zionist Federation dispatched a telegram to Horner condemning his remarks: "The repudiation of your government's intention to publicize these names aids and abets this very repugnant form of discrimination... forced upon us by foreign powers."

Irwin Cotler, a McGill University law professor and author of a meticulously documented report on the boycott in Canada, said Horner was wrong in assuming that business would suffer if the guidelines were fully implemented. And, even if that were the case, he said, "the government has to say that the sovereignty of this country is not for sale. Moral principles have to have a certain presence in the making of public policy."

Cotler said that if the government takes its commitment to fight the boycott seriously, "the only appropriate response would be a legislative one."

Herb Gray (L. Windsor-West), a longtime foe of the boycott, deplored Horner's view of the guidelines and Jamieson's subsequent clarification. Inadvertently or intentionally, the government is undermining its own policy, he charged in an interview.

The former cabinet minister said that if Ottawa refuses to publish a list of firms complying with the blacklist, its policy will have no effect whatsoever. He belittled Horner's fear that disclosure could bring on libel suits, saying that the truth was not libelous. Neither, he added, was it libelous to name firms practicing policies alien to Canadian values — a point underlined by Trudeau more than two years ago.

Gray, calling for binding legislation on the American model, said it was not enough for the government to disclose names of federally-assisted companies that comply with the boycott. Unless Ottawa publishes the names of firms which do not request government help, constituting the majority of companies doing business in the Middle East, the anti-boycott policy will be incomplete.

Howard Stanislawski, head of the Canada-Israel Committee Ottawa office, accused Jamieson of unloading a red herring on the public. He said the government could easily produce two separate lists — one of firms that complied, a second of those that were asked to and did not.

He said the government's waffling on the matter indicated an "unwillingness to carry forth its policy." The CIC specialist on the boycott said he did not expect Ottawa's first report on the boycott to reveal anything substantive.

Meanwhile, the Conservatives and NDP attacked the government's handling of the affair.

Bill Neville, Clark's chief of staff, told The CJN Trudeau was backing away from commitments. He quoted Clark as having said in the House that the government had adopted a hypocritical attitude toward the boycott. Only legislation, containing penalties and sanctions, could make a dent on the boycott, Clark said.

Mark Elisesen, the NDP's director of research, said from Ottawa that Horner's statement constituted "a complete reversal of the guidelines, which we criticized for being inadequate. Mandatory legislation is necessary."

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ransky "shows that we have to keep up the pressure and make the Soviets conscious of the fact that people in the West really do care about his fate."

He said the latke party he sponsored on behalf of the York University students who went on an 11-day hunger strike on Scharansky's behalf was a success. "They didn't do justice to the latkes, but I understand. Their stomachs hadn't adjusted yet."

Meanwhile, it was learned that Cote St. Luc, Montreal, became the first municipality in Canada to adopt a resolution urging the Canadian government to facilitate the release and emigration of Scharansky.

TJC allocations

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The 38 members of the budget and finance committee were divided into four sub-committees to review in detail and in depth the various budget submissions.

One sub-committee, chaired by Jack Rose, reviewed the budgets of Jewish Family & Child Service, North East Jewish Community Services, Jewish Information Service and Jewish Vocational Service.

A sub-committee headed by Madeline Epstein reviewed the budgets of Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment Services, Jewish Camp Council, Jewish Public Library, Jewish Students Federation and Creative Living Centre.

A third sub-committee, chaired by David Satok, reviewed the budgets of United Jewish Relief Agencies, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Canadian Jewish Congress and Toronto Jewish Congress.

The fourth sub-committee, chaired by Murray Segal, participated with the fiscal committee of the Board of Jewish Education in reviewing the budgets of the Jewish schools.

The sub-committees met with representatives of the agencies, reviewed all aspects of their budget submissions and fiscal operations "and delivered their recommendations at great length," said Appleby.

The sub-committee hearings began in April and carried on until the middle of June. The fiscal committee of BJE continued its review of the schools' budgets throughout the summer and did not complete its report until September. Budget discussions continued until last week.

National allocations break down as follows: Canadian Jewish Congress, $240,952; CJC regional and Toronto programs, 245,073; JIAS, 115,140; UJRA, 740,940.

Allocations to the schools: Associated Hebrew Schools, 1,087,915; United Synagogue Day Schools, 77,663; Bialik Hebrew Day School, 202,904; Eitz Chaim Day Schools, 491,264; Eitz Chaim Evening School, 54,046; Borochov School, 9,000; Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, 440,289; Ner Israel, post secondary program, 25,000.

A total of $100,000 was put into reserve pending the development of a policy for funding non subsidized day schools.

The Board of Jewish Education administration budget totals $326,000.

Allocations to local service agencies are as follows: Hillel, $70,090; Jewish Students Federation, 57,000; Jewish Camp Council, 24,976; Jewish Family & Child Service (financial assistance program), 575,000; Jewish Public Library, 88,546; Jewish Vocational Service (guidance and counselling), 103,000; Jewish Information Service, 37,690; North East Jewish Community Services, 62,007; Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment, 15,900; Creative Living Centre, 14,500; YM-YWHA, 85,000.

Holland falls in line with policy of Arabs

AMSTERDAM [JCNS] — Little is left of the traditional friendship which the Netherlands felt for Israel. Holland is now totally in line with the policy of the nine Common Market countries, which means the adoption of the Arab demand for a withdrawal by Israel from occupied Arab territories, and the acknowledgement of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

During the Arab oil boycott, the Netherlands did not yield to Arab pressure and even succeeded in preventing some pro-Arab statements of the nine.

The situation was made very clear in an interview Dutch Foreign Minister Max Van Der Stoel gave to the Nieuw Israelitisch Weekblad, which in its Chanuka edition extensively analyzed Dutch policy towards Israel from the Six Day War until the visit President Sadat paid to Jerusalem.

It was the last interview Van Der Stoel gave before his abdication. The Socialist government gave way to a Christian-Liberal one. But no reconsideration of the policy towards Israel is expected.

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York University students who fasted earlier this month to draw attention to plight of Soviet activist Anatoly Scharansky enjoy Chanuka latke party hosted by Toronto's Max Shecter, national chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

CJC contacts Arab Christians

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The national religious affairs department of Canadian Jewish Congress has for the first time made contact with the Arab Christian community with a view to including it in its interfaith activities.

The overture was made by Rabbi Allan Langner, of Congregation Beth-El, who recently completed his term as chairman of the department, to Father Joseph Shaheen of St. Nicholas Syrian Orthodox Church, which also has a large number of Lebanese among its congregants.

Relations are only at the preliminary stage but Father Shaheen, an American whose parents came from the Golan Heights, was seated at the head table at an interfaith luncheon held at Samuel Bronfman House Dec. 15. Congress already has had extensive relations with the Catholic and Protestant communities and is a member of a liaison committee with the two Western Christian groupings.

Rabbi Langner contacted Father Shaheen after he had heard that the latter had delivered a sermon asking the congregation to pray for the success of President Anwar Sadat's mission in the Middle East.

"From those I spoke to after the sermon I found a feeling of agreement with the concept of peace within that area of the world," said Father Shaheen.

Rabbi Langner told those at the luncheon, attended by prominent Jewish and Christian religious and lay leaders, that he hoped this beginning would eventually lead to a greater understanding between Jews and Arab Christians in Montreal.

"Many of our congregants have a business association with the Jewish community and know each other socially — going to each other's Bar Mitzvas and baptisms. There is more of a theological question here than any people problem," Father Shaheen later told The Canadian Jewish News.

'Dean' of Ottawa Jews memorialized by fund

OTTAWA — Family and friends of the late Alex Betcherman have established a memorial fund to honor the "dean of the Ottawa Jewish community." Betcherman, who died here recently, held every senior office in the community including presidency of the Vaad Ha'Ir, general chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, as well as presidency of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He was one of the three original co-chairmen of the synagogue and Jewish Community Centre Project, the founding chairman of Camp B'nai B'rith, an officer of the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association and a leading supporter of the Jewish National Fund.

Only recently he became a master builder of Yeshiva University in New York. Among his several communal honors was his selection as Man of the Year by B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge in 1954 and honoree at the 1965 Negev Dinner of the JNF.

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'Stability in Mideast might be a mirage'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Israel's former chief of military intelligence has warned that political stability "will not necessarily reign" in the Middle East even after a comprehensive settlement.

In an address, Aharon Yariv, the former minister of information in the cabinet of Yitzhak Rabin, also asserted that the likelihood of war in the region will be remote if Egypt opts out of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

A dynamic speaker, he said the turbulent nature of inter-Arab politics was such that stability might always remain a mirage in the Middle East. The role the Soviet Union plays in the area contributes to instability, he added.

Peaceful relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors, he warned, might not lead to calm.

Yariv, currently director-general of Tel Aviv University's Institute of Strategic Studies, made his remarks to an audience of about 400 at Adath Israel Synagogue recently. He shared the platform with colleagues Chaim Shaked, the university's dean of humanities, and Ittamar Rabinowitz, director of the Shiloah Institute for Middle Eastern and African Studies.

All three later travelled to Montreal and Ottawa to deliver similar speeches. Their trip to Canada was sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

Yariv said he found it "difficult to envisage" a military offensive mounted by Syria, Iraq, Libya and Algeria without the participation of Egypt, the Arab world's most powerful and influential country. However, Damascus and its allies might launch a war of attrition, he explained.

Semi-regular operations such as these are feasible because they do not require a unified command or any degree of coordination. "We can cope with this danger," Yariv said.

The former general said the military balance in the Middle East is such "that war will serve no purpose" any longer. There will be no more "easy victories" of the 1967 variety and "elegant military manoeuvres" are a thing of the past.

Aharon Yariv

Israel, he asserted, cannot win peace through war, and the country "wouldn't gain anything by a pre-emptive strike" against the Arabs. On the other hand, the Arab states could reap "great political profits" in a fifth war, even if they do not achieve a victory.

Yariv disclosed that the Arabs have a three to one manpower advantage with Israeli reserves included. Yet, in qualitative terms, Israel is much stronger than it was on the eve of the 1973 war. He said Israel should remain strong because President Sadat's strategic aims are still a question mark, and suggested that "strength and wisdom" go together.

Rabinowitz, an expert on Syrian and Lebanese politics, cited several reasons for Sadat's surprise visit to Israel last month.

American diplomacy was bogged down and needed a jolt; Egypt was losing its primacy as the Arab world's foremost power, and Sadat wanted to keep the Russians out of the diplomatic process.

The young academic speculated that Sadat was putting forward an "Egypt-first" policy and thus breaking with his predecessor's obsession with pan-Arabism. He said there is now a "genuine quest" for peace in Egypt.

Rabinowitz said the press has misconstrued the positions held by Syria and Saudi Arabia in current Mideast diplomacy. Contrary to newspaper accounts, Syria has not committed itself to any line of action, despite having attended the rejectionist summit in Tripoli. And Saudi Arabia's apparent stance of neutrality is really an elaborate cover for its low-key support of Sadat's efforts.

Shaked, the onetime director of the Shiloah Institute, echoed Rabinowitz's thesis by saying that Sadat was bidding for the leadership of the Arab world. Ever since the autumn of 1975, when Cairo signed the Sinai II disengagement pact, Egypt has lost ground in the Middle East, he said.

"Sadat has made a significant attempt to bring Cairo into the centre of the picture."

The bearded scholar said Sadat, his peaceful intentions notwithstanding, "would not hesitate to go to war if necessary to achieve his aims." Shaked implied that Sadat's objective was to regain the occupied territories and to set the stage for a Palestinian homeland.

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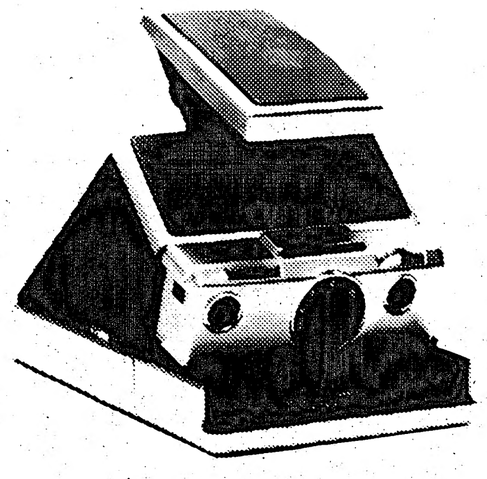

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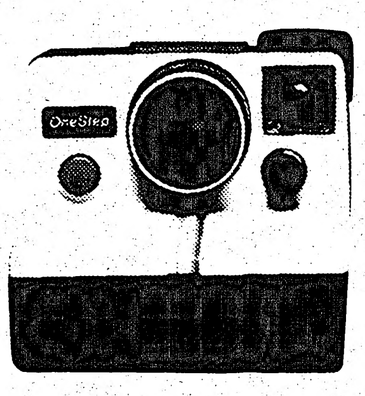

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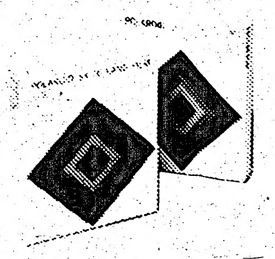

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What kind of a relationship?

Congress and the press

Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region followed its eastern division this month in deciding to open executive meetings to the Jewish press — a welcome move for an organization which purports to be the "parliament of Canadian Jewry." It is conceivable that by next year the national executive will see to it as well that its proceedings are not held exclusively behind doors.

While we are pleased that the Jewish media has gained access to the deliberations of this community's chief "legislature", it is the Jewish public we serve which potentially will profit. There has been debate within and without Congress ranks about the democratic nature of the organization; the disenchantment among youth for Jewish communal politics, and the alienation of minority groups — be they Sephardim, women or academics.

Congress often has the appearance of being operated by a monolithic elite of lay leaders and professionals which control the purse-strings while it dictates the future of this community. Making Congress accountable to its public will demystify its operations. Exposing to public scrutiny its decision-making processes will hopefully inform it supporters as well as strengthen its democratic mandate.

For that reason we salute the long-awaited decision and applaud those who argued for "the people's right to know." It will test Congress' mettle as well as this community's stature, reflected in its interest in a strong and viable press.

But, although a generally laudatory step, we have reservations about one footnote — the proviso for a six-month trial period. What criteria will determine whether the "experiment" has been proven a success; "good" as opposed to "bad" press coverage? A look at one of the briefs prepared on the issue shows some concern about the "responsible Jewish press." Responsible to whom?

The Jewish press, as we see it, faces a challenge in its ability to achieve an accommodation between accountability to its increasingly sophisticated Jewish readership and a commitment to journalistic integrity. When that delicate balance is sacrificed a Jewish newspaper can neither claim to reflect the diversity of its readership, nor to interpret and assess its needs, while promoting its survival. Our responsibility — as watchdog and guardian of this community's interests — is as clearcut as is Congress' mission. Neither should Congress, nor "the responsible Jewish press" be viewed as autocratic or monolithic — its public isn't.

With this mutual understanding, between public, press and parliament, a human relationship — sometimes appropriately adversarial; as well as supportive — can thrive, to the benefit of all.

Failure of leadership

Is the federal government undermining its own anti-boycott guidelines? The answer appears to be yes, judging by the curious statements delivered by Trade Minister Jack Horner and External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson within a span of two days recently.

The guidelines — inadequate to begin with — can only be effective if the government discloses the names of those firms complying with the boycott. Now there is some doubt that Ottawa intends to make full use of the reporting mechanism inherent in the guidelines. Mr. Horner said he has no plans to unveil a public list of offenders, claiming that disclosure would be tantamount to libel and asserting that it would hurt Canadian business. Mr. Jamieson, more or less adopting the same stance, told the House of Commons that there are "problems" involved in disclosure.

With all due respect to the ministers, their arguments strain the imagination.

Information cannot be libelous if it is true, as MP Herb Gray has pointed out. And it has yet to be proved conclusively that an anti-boycott policy is detrimental to the national interest. Besides, if boycotts are alien to Canadian values, a remark attributed to no less than the prime minister, why should there be confusion and disharmony within the cabinet?

As for Mr. Jamieson's dubious contention: if he is so concerned about damaging the good name of a company which has not complied with the boycott, why does he not release the names of firms that have succumbed to the blacklist? Everyone would then have an opportunity to pass judgment.

But there is another point worth considering. In the controversy surrounding the implementation of the guidelines, one tends to forget the obvious. Most Canadian firms doing business in the Middle East do not need governmental help in securing contracts. The guidelines state that these companies are not subject to scrutiny or disclosure if they accept boycott clauses. This means that the majority of Canadian firms can flout the guidelines.

It should be clear to any clear-thinking person that binding legislation, not innocuous guidelines, is the only method by which to combat the boycott, which reportedly affects 243 enterprises in Canada.

If Ottawa needs guidance, it should look to Ontario for inspiration. The province has introduced anti-boycott legislation, containing fines and sanctions, the first of its kind in this country.

It has been more than two years since Prime Minister Trudeau attacked the concept of boycotts. The government has had ample time to prepare measures to fight economic discrimination, but it has failed thus far to provide any semblance of leadership in this vital area.

Demographic disaster

Demography, not anti-Semitism, may ultimately doom the Jewish community in the United States. A cliche, of course, but a cliche which bears repeating. In the October issue of Midstream magazine, Elihu Bergman, assistant director of the Harvard Center for Population Studies, paints a grim picture of American Jewry in the next century, thereby underlining the essential truth of the aforementioned cliche.

"If present trends are not arrested, or reversed," he writes, "the American Jewish community faces extinction as a significant entity, and by its own hand, during the first half of the 21st century."

With mathematical precision, Mr. Bergman contends that if the intermarriage rate rises in stages over the next 25 years from 15% to 50%, there would be 420,000 Jews in the U.S. by 2076. There are approximately six million today. And if the intermarriage rate stabilizes at 50% in 1986 — not such a far-fetched possibility — the Jewish population would decline to a mere 10,420, in 100 years' time.

The question that naturally arises is whether this phenomenon is reversible. Mr. Bergman is not sanguine.

Firstly, the Jewish birthrate falls below the national average and the community is approaching what demographers describe as zero-growth rate. Secondly, the traditional European manpower reservoir was wiped out during the Holocaust. The only significant source of Jewish immigration is the Soviet Union. It is unlikely, at least for the foreseeable future, that Moscow will permit hundreds of thousands of its Jewish citizens to emigrate.

In analyzing the community as it is presently constituted, the writer, basing himself on previous studies, claims that less than half of the Jewish population express a tangible commitment to symbols of Jewish identity. For example: less than 50% are affiliated with synagogues; 62% do not participate in Jewish organizational activities; less than 50% contribute to local welfare federations; less than 40% practise any consistent pattern of ritual observance, and as of 1975, about 67% of eligible Jewish children were not enrolled in any sort of Jewish education program.

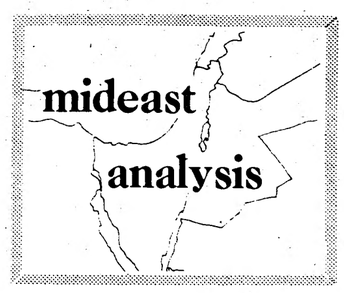
But the malady affecting the Jewish community goes beyond synagogue or Jewish school attendance, Mr. Bergman suggests. There is no effective leadership to guide Jewry past the shoals of assimilation. And this is mainly the outcome of the fact that fund-raising has become "the most coherent objective" of the community.

As a result, the impression is prevalent that leadership is recruited by ascription, not by merit, and that the prime condition of ascription is wealth, not knowledge. Compounding the problem is that democratic procedures are irrelevant to leadership election. Consequently, the leadership tends to be self-perpetuating and interlocking, he claims.

Thus, American Jewry is like a ship adrift in rough seas, rudderless and motorless. What is to be done? More Jewish education? More emphasis on organizational activities? There are no easy answers and we do not pretend to have any.

In the meantime, however, American Jewry seems not to care about the future, and, as Elihu Bergman states, "a disaster is in the making."

Jordanian king's future looks bright but in Middle East nothing is certain



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Last August, in an atmosphere of hope and jubilation, King Hussein of Jordan observed an anniversary that some thought or feared he would never live to see.

The diminutive monarch, supposedly a direct descendant of the Prophet Mohammed, celebrated his 25th year as the ruler of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In a region wracked by coup d'etats, wars, assassinations and incessant political squabbling this was no prosaic achievement.

In the classic sense of the word, Hussein ibn Talal el-Hashim — as he is known by his ornate Arab name — is a survivor.

He survived Byzantine palace intrigue following his father's abrupt removal from office. He survived bitter feuds with Egypt and Syria. He survived an attempted coup by his own premier. He survived the upheavals triggered by the Six Day War and Yom Kippur War. He survived Palestinian efforts to unseat him. He survived the 1974 decision by the Arab League to designate the PLO as the heir to the West Bank.

What the future holds in store for him and his royal family no one knows. But, to a large extent, his longevity as a king depends in equal measure on whether an Arab-Israeli settlement can be achieved and whether the settlement in question can satisfy the national aspirations of the Palestinians, probably his deadliest foe, and the Syrians, with whom he has forged an entente.

If the past is any guide to the future, Hussein will be confronted by numerous challenges as he strives to fashion his desert kingdom into a political island of tranquility and progress. The latest challenge, precipitated by Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel, has already arisen. Will he join Sadat in making peace with Israel, or will he remain on the sidelines, wary of the radical Arabs in his midst? Will Hussein, like his grandfather, Abdullah, fall victim to an assassin's bullet?

With the exception of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, the institution of monarchy is an anachronism in the Middle East, having been swept away by wars and revolutions, and Hussein is fully aware that his days may be numbered by the remorseless currents of history.

He was born in 1936, when Jordan was called Trans-Jordan. Hussein was tutored by his shrewd Bedouin grandfather, a man who fought with Lawrence of Arabia, and was instrumental in persuading the British to exclude Trans-Jordan from the geographical area of the Jewish homeland.

At the time of his birth, Trans-Jordan was still tightly controlled by the British, the Mandatory power which handed over the region to Abdullah in 1922 after his brother, Faisal, was evicted from Syria by the French colonialists. Before World War I, the idea of a Jordanian state was simply non-existent, and the 34,000 square miles of desert and scrubland which would later compromise Trans-Jordan were regarded by the Ottomans as constituent parts of Syria and Arabia.

The British granted Trans-Jordan some independence in 1946, but they continued to control its foreign and military affairs. Abdullah tried to stay out of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, and in his quest for peace he conferred secretly with Jewish Agency representative Golda Meir. But it was a futile exercise in diplomacy; the Arab League had already decided to invade the renascent Jewish state.

During the war, the British-trained Arab Legion — commanded by Abdullah — captured the West Bank, the territory allotted to the Palestinians by the 1947 UN partition plan. In the aftermath of the war, Abdullah annexed the West Bank, a fait accompli recognized only by Britain and Pakistan. It infuriated the Palestinians living in his kingdom; and when he tried to strike up a peace deal with Israel, a Palestinian gunman shot him to death outside the mosque in Jerusalem President Sadat recently visited.

Abdullah's son, Talal, succeeded him, but mental illness forced him into retirement. Hussein, then only a teenager, ascended to the throne.

Amost immediately he was faced with grave problems. The militant, highly nationalistic Palestinians, bitter at having lost their homeland, urged Hussein to oust his British advisers and to adopt a hard line toward Israel. They blamed them, particularly Gen. John Glubb (Glubb Pasha), for the 1948-49 defeat and for influencing the royal court in favor of what they perceived to be British imperialism.

To prove that Jordan was not subservient to British interests, Hussein dismissed Glubb Pasha and his aides and announced that he would not join the Western-inspired Baghdad Pact. Meanwhile, tension rose and fell on the Israel-Jordan frontier as the Israeli army carried out retaliatory raids in response to Palestinian armed incursions which Hussein said he was unable to stop.

Early in 1957, following a failed coup by his pro-Nasser premier Sulaiman Nablusi, Hussein abolished all political parties, dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and imposed martial law. A year later, as a result of the overthrow of the Hashemite dynasty in neighboring Iraq, Hussein called in British paratroopers to protect his branch of the monarchy.

Since then Jordan has been ruled by emergency legislation. The facade of Jordanian democracy is indeed paper-thin and a farce.

The interval between the Iraqi coup and the Six Day War saw many changes in Jordan. The U.S. replaced Britain as the main foreign power in the country; the Palestinians grew stronger and more politically ambitious; the economy was developed.

Throughout these turbulent years Hussein rarely committed political errors, being extremely adept at playing off one side against the other. However, in 1967, on the basis of false military information fed to him by the Egyptians, he plunged headlong into the Six Day War. That was one disaster. Another was his tolerance of the PLO's growing strength.

It was only in the autumn of 1970 that the king unleashed the full might of the Arab Legion against the PLO, which had built a "state within a state" in Jordan. In the course of that civil war, Jordanian forces — with the political support of Jerusalem and Washington, which threatened to intervene in the conflict — also repelled a Syrian armoured invasion. Hussein's fierce moves against the Palestinians, climaxing two years of mounting tension, isolated him in the Arab world, yet strengthened him at home.

Jordan's King Hussein

Such was his grip on the country that he was able to keep out of the Yom Kippur War and to withstand the shock of the Arab League's decision to recognize the PLO as the final arbiter of the West Bank. The latter development was, in a way, a blessing in disguise, since it enabled Jordan to break out of its isolation.

The Lebanese civil war did Jordan no harm either. It brought Jordan unforeseen prosperity as capital flowed out of Beirut and into Amman, the capital.

Today, Jordan is as stable and as influential in the Arab world as it may ever be. And King Hussein, despite his inability to reach an agreement with Israel, is riding on the crest of a wave of popularity, even though he wavers between the positions advocated by Egypt on the one hand, and Syria on the other.

His future appears to be bright, but in the Middle East appearances can be deceiving. As he himself put it in a post-1967 book, "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

Value of Arabic recognized by Israelis

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

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When Anwar Sadat spoke in the Knesset, almost 90% of its members were forced to clamp on earphones and listen to a Hebrew translation of his Arabic speech.

Scholarly Abba Eban, who has mastered nearly every language known to mankind, naturally managed without the translation, as did the half-dozen Arab and Druze MKs, another half-dozen Jewish parliamentarians of Iraqi and Moroccan origin, and a few Arabic-speaking Sabras. But for most members, earphones were an absolute necessity.

This is less likely to be the case in future Knessets, as a growing number of Israelis, including many politicians, are learning Arabic, the lingua franca of the Middle East.

Perhaps the most significant boost to Arabic studies was provided by the Six Day War, which brought another million Arabs under Israeli occupation, thus increasing interaction between Jews and Arabs as well as making it economically valuable for Jews to learn Arabic.

Responding to the changed situation, language schools which had hitherto concentrated on teaching new Israelis how to speak Hebrew began to devote almost equal attention to teaching veteran Israelis how to speak Arabic. At the same time, the national radio station began daily Arabic lessons and the institutions of higher learning expanded their Arabic-language programs.

But the most significant change has undoubtedly taken place in elementary schools, where the number of youngsters studying Arabic has grown from 6,898 to 80,048 since the Six Day War. Moreover, Education Minister Zevulon Hammer now wants to make it the first foreign language learned in school, even before English. This is opposed by many educators, who, like Jerusalemite Israel Zeidman, argue that a knowledge of English is of vital importance because "it gives Israelis an opportunity to come into direct contact with international science and culture."

Yet while Hammer does not deny the importance of English, he is determined to give Arabic pride of place.

This year he had it introduced on a trial basis in some grade 4 classes, including the one attended by my son Oren. He has already picked up some Arabic and now he and his sister Dana, who has been studying the language for three years, are a great help when it comes to reading Arabic signs or to bargaining in the crowded markets of Jerusalem's Old City.

But even Israelis who don't speak Arabic use a lot of Arabic phrases in their day-to-day speech, because most Israeli slang is of Arabic origin.

When two Sabras greet one another, for example, as likely as not they won't say hello or shalom; instead they'll say ahalan — the same thing in Arabic. And the numerous snafus of Israeli life are usually described as fashlot, a phrase borrowed from Israel's Semitic neighbors. Last but not least, Arabic provides most of the colorful four-letter words blurted out by Hebrew-speaking Israelis.

This is certainly valuable for letting off steam. However, more and more Israelis are not satisfied just to curse in Arabic; they also want to communicate in that language.

French-born Simone Weil became prolific writer

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was Dec. 30, 1936. Nearsighted, homely, awkward Simone Weil was back home after accidentally burning herself as she attempted to ameliorate the conditions in Spain during that country's civil war. Her clumsiness and her total disregard for her physical appearance would immediately catch the attention of those with whom she came in contact.

But, in historic terms, there was an even more memorable side to her. The voluminous correspondence, essays and other written works the French-born Jewess produced in her short 34-year life were to be studied by political science, history and philosophy scholars throughout the world.

Born to Dr. Bernard and Salomea Reinherz Weil in Paris on Feb. 3, 1909, Simone showed early signs of poor health characteristic of most of her life. Numerous illnesses racked her young body. In addition, her early formal education was chaotic due to World War I and the fact that the family wanted to stay as close as possible to her physician father, who was busy tending French soldiers around the country.

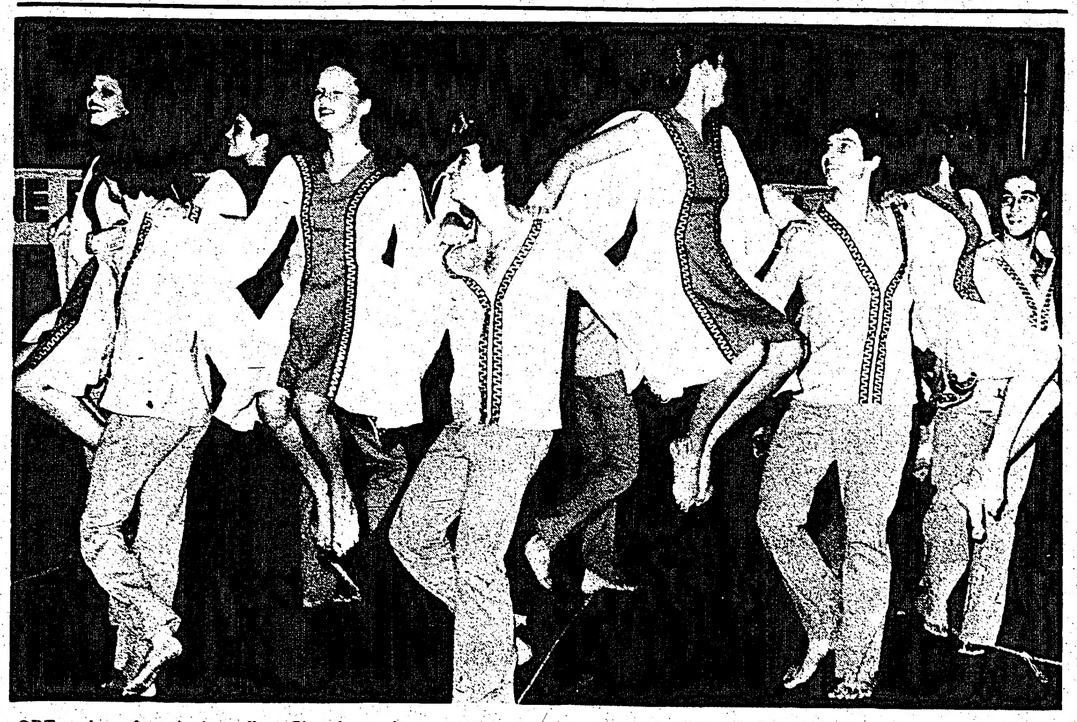
But there were some happier moments, particularly within her family life, that would help sustain her through her many difficulties yet to come. Life at home consisted not only of much love and attention for Simone and her brother, Andre, her senior by three years, but it also abounded with daily intellectual stimuli.

Andre led an exciting enough life, particularly during the period around the outbreak of World War II, until, finally, he and his wife, Eveline, found refuge in New York. As a mathematician he taught at such places as the University of Strasbourg and the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton.

Simone's life, however, was more complex. After her formal education she taught a variety of subjects in several places in France, but usually for only short periods at a time. Interspersed with her teaching were her activities on behalf of oppressed people.

This led frail, intellectual, upper-middle class Simone, at one time or another, to march with unemployed laborers, fight on behalf of trade unions, go to Germany in 1932 to try to understand what was giving the Nazis strength, invite Leon Trotsky to her home, work in factories, fight in the Spanish Civil War, work as a grape harvester, and so on.

Throughout all those activities, thin-faced, bespectacled Simone, who died in 1943 in London, corresponded with her many and varied friends and wrote numerous articles that gave insight into her philosophical attitude. Despite her confusion surrounding her religious beliefs, it was to be through her work that she would be remembered.



ORT students from junior college Givataim perform at sport spectaular. Canadian Jewry is very involved in ORT's Israeli activities.

Without cultural and religious rights no Soviet Jews will be left to emigrate

By TOBA KORENBLUM

With the slogan 'Let My People Go', world Jewry has been actively — and often successfully — campaigning for freedom of emigration for its Soviet brethren. While a worthy and essential crusade, observers have noted a steady drop in emigration over the past few years. Only recently have figures risen, coinciding with the Belgrade conference dissecting key east-west issues. But what of the future? The policy towards exit visas appears, like a yo-yo, to arbitrarily rise and fall, sometimes reflecting a complicated amalgam of political pressures in areas of trade, detente and arms.

Meanwhile, cultural and religious freedoms for Jews remaining behind in the Soviet Union have often been overshadowed by the plight of Refuseniks and the emotional theme of reunification of families. Yet, as leading Jewish Soviet activist Benjamin Fain told us recently while in Toronto, religious aspirations must be cultivated in the Soviet Union for its Jewry to survive and Zionist motivations have to be inculcate.

Strong anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda and harsh reprisals against Refuseniks have served to deter the majority of Jews from seeking visas, as a number of leading activists have noted. Coupled with these pressures is the fact that the bulk of Jews — situated in the Russian Republic — have had little or no exposure to Jewish religion and culture for close to six decades.

Without the introduction of some stimuli, as Fain so clearly indicated, there may not be much left worth saving, and inducements to settle in Israel will further wane. The Soviet Jew's motivations for leaving his homeland are diverse. The first general category to emigrate en masse was the "Westerner," who came from parts of the USSR annexed in the 1940s — Moldavia, western Ukraine and Bielorussia and the Baltic states. These and the Georgian Jews, in general, maintained a closer tie to Judaism and were attracted to Zionist ideology.

But, as Fain illustrated, the emigrant of the '70s is more likely to be a "heartland Jew." Under Soviet rule since the revolution, he is highly urbanized, well-educated, is often strongly identified with Russian culture. With few ties to Israel, this emigrant will more likely choose the United States or Canada as his destination. Many have no Jewish motivation — cut from organizational and cultural life — and in some cases won't even identify with the North American Jewish community once dependence on social and financial services ends.

Soviet Jews are also an aging community. The 1970 census showed that 26% of the Jews in the Russian Republic were 60 and over, as compared with only 12% of the Russians in the same category. In the over-50 category, the percentage of Jews (42.6%) is twice that of the Russian percentage (21.5%). While the Jewishly committed youth are emigrating, to whom will the younger generation turn for guidance?

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in a 64-page survey prepared on the eve of the Belgrade convention, pointed to the glaring discrepancies in treatment between Jews and other religious and ethnic minorities in the Soviet Union. Before world War II there were 10 permanent Yiddish theatres and as late as 1940, 100,000 pupils were enrolled in Yiddish schools. Through Stalinist purges and state sanctioned anti-Semitism all Jewish infrastructures were dismantled and publications forbidden, although close to half a million Jews claimed Yiddish as their mother tongue in the 1970 census.

The recent announcement by Novosti press that the Jewish Cameo Music Theatre

Media propaganda discourages youth, aids assimilation

has been formed by the Ministry of Culture is viewed sceptically by Westerners who view it as another Sovietish Heimland, the token Yiddish magazine that adheres to official party dogma.

The Helsinki Final Act makes note that participating states will "recognize and respect the freedom of the individual to profess and practice, alone or in the community of others, religion or beliefs in accordance with the dictates of one's own conscience." While the Soviet Union is a signator to that documents and has enunciated those freedoms in its new constitution, the number of synagogues in the country has fallen from 1,000 50 years ago to some 60 now. There is no rabbinic training, no ritual objects or books are published and no contact with Jews abroad is sanctioned. Tass recently charged the American Jewish Congress with "conspiring to carry out ideological sabotage against the USSR" by sending "Zionists and other elements hostile to this country in the guise of tourists."

The young Jew will not find solace in relying on state media or educational texts to discover his identity. A study published by the International Council of B'nai B'rith, entitled **History Without Jews**, concluded that "current Soviet history textbooks make almost no reference to Jews and Judaism." In a survey of 22 texts published since 1968 it was discovered that all reference to Jews had been erased and the creation of Israel is never mentioned, although Christianity and Islam are discussed. "There is not even a note that Jews resided anywhere in what is presently the Soviet Union," wrote the report's authors.

The Nov. 16 issue of the national military journal, Red Star, contains the most recent assault against Diaspora Jewry and Zionism. Described by Western Soviet Jewry groups as "one of the most sinister and viciously anti-Semitic articles in years," "The Poisonous Weapon of Zionism" describes an unremittingly evil international Zionist network of anti-Soviet terror and subversion instigated by Israeli agents, "the Jewish section" of the Mafia and the CIA, as well as bourgeoise Jewish military monopolies or "death concerns".

According to Prof. Frederick Barghoorn, a Yale University Sovietologist, the escalation of anti-Semitic propaganda is fueled by contradictions in Soviet society arising out of a variety of political, economic and cultural problems. Marxism-Leninism has failed to attract the youth as a "living cause" and as a result national aspirations have appeared to increase — a factor the Politburo will find politically intolerable.

Benjamin Fain's plea is that Jewish self-education in the USSR has to be promoted through non-political books, and tapes, or assimilation will take its natural course. His is an authoritative voice that ought not to be lightly dismissed. While securing emigration rights for Soviet Jews, a cultural campaign is of equal importance. At the rate of 20,000 a year, it would take over a century to release all of Soviet Jewry. But will they still be Jewish by then?

This work entitled Yitzkor is by Ernst Neivestny, a recent Soviet Jewish emigre.

Financial crisis rocks Hotzeh-Plotzeh society

By Uncle Eliezer
For J.B. SALSBERG
(Second of series)

What's the root of all evil? Money, of course. The whole world knows that. And what's true of the individual is also true of the organizations that individuals form. The history of the Hotzeh-Plotzeh society proves that truism to the hilt.

If you recall what I wrote about this society a year ago you will understand what I mean. After all the First Hotzer Young Men's Society and the Plotzer Mutual Benefit Society existed side-by-side for many decades without conflict. At worst there may have been, what you might call, friendly rivalry between them. And why not?

Hotzeh and Plotzeh were neighboring towns in the old country. But here, in Canada, the founding fathers (as they are referred to) of the two landmanshaften (town folk) decided that each should look after its own. And there was plenty to do for both. New landsleit continued to arrive and all were prospective members for the societies. As a result both the Hotzer and the Plotzer thrived.

But then the world turned into a slaughter house. Hitler wiped out the old country towns and there were no Jews left in Hotzeh and Plotzeh and no members for the societies . The young people, born or raised here, were, in the main, attracted to other organizations and many of the "young men", who were the backbone of the societies, became old men who increased the rows of tombstones in the societies' cemeteries.

It was at that stage that the idea of uniting the two societies into one was born. It wasn't an easy job, I assure you. For each member who favored the idea there was another who opposed it. But after a year of wrangling and haggling, of broken and renewed negotiations the thing was done. The two ailing bodies united in the hope of strengthening each other.

Mendle, my friend who attends the meetings of the Hotzeh-Plotzeh society assures me that feuds and conflicts along landsmanshaft lines continue to erupt to this day. But, as they say, married is married and you make the best of it. If only there were not the periodic flare-ups over deficits and finances.

The main troubles arise when they try to raise money for this or that fund or cause. Here is an example of what I have in mind.

The society decided to raise money for Israel but not to touch the treasury, since the society's treasury is in a chronic disorder. So the majority decided to arrange a Maleve Malka (farewell repast for the Queen Sabbath), as was done in the old country. But the evening ended with a lot of ill-will, anger and plenty of hurt pride.

As the men and women gathered in the banquet hall, the bar was opened (the drinks were not free) and it became a real money maker. When the audience was settled around the tables the chairman of the arrangements committee rose to sell the honor of chairing the Maleve Malka. The bidding and the competition was brisk and exciting. Finally the auction was was over and the victor took the chair at the headtable.

He no sooner thanked the members then he began to auction the honor of making the Hamotzi Lechem (blessing of the bread). This became a bitter contest between Hotzer and Plotzer for their respective candidates for the honor. The bidding was not limited to the aspirants but individuals and groups announced their donations to boost their man. It became real tense a situation and everyone was relieved when that auction was over.

After the meal the Maleve Malka chairman or toastmaster made the appeal for contributions to help Israel. This part of the evening was quite brief. People gave what they were prepared to give, their names and amounts were announced and it was over. Then came the auction for the privilege of leading the audience in Benshen (grace after the meal). This one was a listless effort because to the heat generated by the earlier auctions.

But the competitive temperature rose again after Benshen when the toastmaster launched the sale of the honor of counting the money collected during the evening, all of which was contained in an enormous bowl that stood in front of the toastmaster at the headtable.

Everything would have gone on to the point of exhaustion in the usual, normal way if something unexpected hadn't happened. When a certain member was nominated (meaning the first $5 was offered by someone) for the honor of counting the money, another member, who evidently drank too much, raised his voice and asked "that Hotzer ganef (thief) will count the money?"

Well, all hell was let loose when this happened. People began to shout, to stand up and to run toward the Plotzer who made the remark. Others, most likely Plotzer, ran to protect their landsman. One Plotzer shouted, "so maybe he shouldn't have said it but look at those Hotzer shleger (mobsters) running for blood."

Don't ask, what went on for a time. Finally order was established but the spirit of the Maleve Malka was gone. And why? All because of money! No question, it's the root of all evil.

How did the bitter end of the Maleve Malka affect the society? For a while it looked bad. Some members insisted that the troublemaker be expelled. Others argued that, first, he was a bit drunk and, therefore, not responsible for what he said and, second, members are hard enough to find without expelling an old-timer. Finally the peace-makers won. The troublemaker was called to the executive, he was made to apologize and he, of his own will, offered all the liquor for the next free breakfast as a present. Everybody was happy again.

Letters to the Editor

Quiet appeasement hazardous in Quebec

Dear Editor:

With considerable sadness I read that various Quebec Jewish groups are now engaged in an effort to assess the causes and extent of the exodus of Jewish people from the province of Quebec. Their job seems to resemble that of insurance investigators wading through the wreckage of an old DC-8 jet, trying to look for obscure clues as to what went wrong.

I have no doubt that these "insurance investigators" will compile impressive statistics as to how many Jews have been lost, their age, sex and occupation and how many Jewish survivors still remain in Quebec. I doubt, however, that their investigation will disclose the major cause of this disaster, that simply the passengers were travelling without a pilot and crew.

Admittedly, in the past and even to this date, the Quebec Jewish community has been very ably served by many men and women who have devoted much time and energy to the internal needs of the Jewish community. These leaders have been also greatly successful in mobilizing the Jewish community on behalf of the cause of the state of Israel.

The question that troubles me is why during the '60s and '70s were the Jewish (and even non-Jewish) public leaders so silent when the rights of Jewish, Christian and, in general, non-French-speaking Quebec citizens were being slowly eroded?

The answer in part may be found in looking no further than our elected English representatives in the Bourassa cabinet; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Kevin Drummond and William Tetley. Despite the pleas of their constituents to speak out loudly and firmly on their behalf in opposition to such repellent legislation as Bill 22 (the father of the PQ's Bill 1 and Bill 101), they remained silent. They promised to "work behind the scenes" on our behalf, but in public they merely parrotted the Bourassa party line'; that there should be no freedom of choice for all non-French Quebecers.

I would like to believe that these elected representatives spurned publicly criticizing their own government for the more subtle approach of opposing Bill 22 within committee, but there is very little evidence that they opposed Bourassa's position even behind the scenes.

Even if they did privately question Bourassa's obnoxious linguistic education scheme, this effort was clearly not enough. It was incumbent upon them for the sake of their non-francophone constituents and even for the sake of maintaining the Liberal Party in power, to do all that was necessary to influence Bourassa and his cohorts to make their linguistic and educational policies more equitable and less discriminatory.

I am convinced that their failure to take a stronger and even a public stand against Bill 22 contributed to Bourassa's delusion that the Liberal Party's traditional non-francophone supporters would still vote for his party, notwithstanding the party's unjust policies.

The blame should also be shared, however, by the non-francophone electorate itself and perhaps the Jewish voters in particular. If it is the desire of the non-francophone community to have its leaders stand up for the rights of its members, it is equally incumbent upon these members to strongly voice their opposition to existing policies to their representatives and leaders. Unfortunately, Quebec's non-francophones (especially the Quebec Jewish community) were too acquiescent during the debate on Bill 22 and after it came into force.

This whole community was under the mistaken belief that it should go along with the wishes of the majority and not "rock the boat" for fear of exposing itself to greater problems at the hands of the majority.

Instead, Quebec's non-francophones should have pointed out, way before the November 1976 election, that Emperor Bourassa was wearing no clothes, and that he had lost the support of the electorate due to his corrupt government and unjust policies. It is arguable that if a strong opposition had been mounted against Bourassa, a change of leadership could have been effected well before an election was called, with the result that the Quebec Liberals would not have suffered such an ignominious defeat.

The period of the late '60s and early '70s called for strong moral leadership from our English leaders, not only from our political leaders, but also from our community, religious, professional and business leaders. We needed people who were willing to take an independent stand against the corrupt and unjust Bourassa government.

Unfortunately, there were too many leaders who were indifferent to the cries of our people, and too few courageous people like Quebec Liberal MPP George Springate who risked his political career to fight Bill 22.

In picking through the wreckage of the Quebec Jewish community, I hope that we find clues that will assist us in preventing future disasters. I also hope that we have learned that in order to ensure the survival of this community, we can no longer rely on the practice of quiet appeasement and meekly submitting to the wishes of the majority.

The struggle to protect the Quebec non-French-speaking community is the struggle of all Jews in Canada because the fate of the Quebec Jewish community is inextricably linked to the fate of the greater non-Francophone community. In the upcoming confrontation for Quebec, I hope that this time our Jewish leaders will speak out forcefully in favor of protecting the rights of the non-French-speaking minority in Quebec and not abandon this community for the sake of maintaining Canadian unity.

If we sell out these Canadian citizens to Rene Levesque, we have effectively sold out the Canadian dream of a nation that respects the religious, cultural, and human rights of individuals and diverse ethnic groups.

If we abandon those ideals upon which this country was founded and has prospered, it will not be necessary for Levesque's supporters to pull Quebec out of Confederation. This country will already have been lost.

Mitchell Wolfe,
Toronto [formerly Montreal]

Dear Editor:

I compliment The Canadian Jewish News, (Sheldon Kirshner) and, in particular, Sidney Schipper, for the article of Nov. 25, "Schipper Works at Eradicating Sweat Shop Image". It was handled so intelligently and with so much dignity.

With Jewish history pointing back to the prophets, and the great rabbis, but Jews, generally, who also followed the work of tailors, shoemakers, I resented the oft-used remark "shoester and schneider". True, there is an historic explanation, which I will not go into at this time, but merely express my personal reaction to the broad, democratic, cultural aspect as expressed so well by Mr. Schipper.

Perhaps the day will soon come when titles and degrees will be proudly worn by a large assembly of the George Brown School of Technology, and that today's mothers will brag, as did the mothers of old — "my son, the doctor, my son, the furrier, technician, etc".

Ida L. Siegel,
Toronto

Economics not principle guide Ottawa in policy on boycott, says former MP

By RON ATKEY

Is it any wonder that Canadians are cynical about their federal government?

Just 14 months ago, External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson announced the government's boycott policy and stated that "all Canadian firms, whether they accept boycott clauses or not, will be required to report all instances of their complying with boycott provisions". He promised that information obtained from such reports would be made available to the public.

This commitment was made with full knowledge of reports in the U.S. indicating that in the year ending Oct. 1, 1976, there were 162,710 contracts containing boycott clauses involving American firms, and 92% were complied with. A less but substantial number were certainly suspected as operative in Canada.

Now, with the first report five months overdue, Mr. Jamieson has virtually confirmed that there are only two companies on the list. Moreover, his colleague Jack Horner, minister of industry, trade and commerce, says he won't make the list public so as not to hurt the companies' sales.

What's going on? Has the effect of the boycott in Canada been exaggerated, as a memorandum to cabinet published by the Globe and Mail on Aug. 6, 1976 suggested? Not on your life.

Indeed, there is documented evidence in the Report of the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination published earlier this year describing a disturbing pattern of compliance and complicity with the Arab boycott in both the public and private sectors. Many incidences of boycott demands in Canada involved religious discrimination.

Ron Atkey, lawyer and ex-Tory MP

The real reason why there are only two companies on the list are the gaping holes in the Trudeau government's overall policy against the boycott. Consider these omissions.

— Canadian companies who choose to comply with a boycott clause and who do not require the support or facilities (including trade missions) of the Canadian government are not covered;

— negative statements of origin are not covered;

— required statements of fact (e.g., existence of a branch office in Israel), as distinct from statements of intent, are not covered, and

— there are no sanctions to enforce the policy other than withdrawal of government support or trade facilities.

As for Mr. Jamieson's commitment on reporting, it seems that the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce will make reports only on those who have come to the government for support, or facilities and who have complied with boycott provisions. No reports will be made on those who avoid the government (presumably so they can bargain freely) or on those who do come for support but who do not comply. The original commitment, albeit narrow, is therefore even further watered down.

What is needed is a sound legislative base to fill in these holes and provide some teeth. No Canadian government should tolerate a situation where boycott demands involving racial and religious criteria are permitted.

Opposition Leader Joe Clark has already committed his party to a bill amending the Bank Act, the Corporations Act and other relevant federal statutes to prohibit any person or corporation in Canada from supplying information for commercial purposes that indicates the racial or ethnic origin or religious or political affiliation of any Canadian citizen.

Premier William Davis introduced an anti-boycott bill on Dec. 16 that would achieve this purpose, and more, at the provincial level.

Yet company sales, not principle, appear to be the Trudeau government's main beacon in Ottawa.

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Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

Chanuka is celebrated at Ontario Crippled Children's Centre as Bruce Rubenstein lights the menora with the help of volunteer Phyllis Narrol. Ms. Narrol and Fran Herman, the director of the music therapy program, along with some of the Jewish patients, portrayed holiday to children and staff of the centre school. Jellied donuts, donated by members of Yorkdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, added to Chanuka fun.

VISUAL ARTS COURSES

Winter courses of the visual arts department of the YM-YWHA begin the week of Jan. 8. Some of the courses being offered are drawing, stained glass, sculpture, weaving, ceramics, photography, design and calligraphy, plus art classes for children. Courses will be held at both the north (Bathurst) and south (Bloor) buildings. For information, call 636-1880, ext. 43 or 44.

ORT OPENS ITS OWN STORE

Toronto Women's ORT has just opened its own store, The Family Centre, at 3100 Dundas St. W. Members are collecting everything and anything saleable that's in good condition. If you have any items you think can be used, drop them off at the centre or at ORT Place, 380 Wilson Ave.

PROGRAM IDEAS

Looking for an entertaining program? Call the Wilson Heights Players. This group of 25 B'nai B'rith men and women has put together a musical show called **Enjoy! Enjoy!** It is a one-hour production of Jewish, Hebrew and English songs and dances that is suitable for any meeting you may be planning. And the proceeds go to charity. If you are interested, contact Lawrie Fine at 633-5353 evenings.

JEWISH "ROOTS"

Hot on the heels of **Roots**, a new publication devoted exclusively to Jewish geneology has just made its debut. Toledot which means geneology in Hebrew is issued four times a year. Each issue will serve the Jewish family historian in many ways — new sources for research, how-to-do-it methods and the history of Jewish geneology. In all, it promises to be a "must" for Jewish family tree researchers. The address is P.O. Box 126, Flushing, N.Y., 11367.

"HOMELAND" IN JAPAN

According to Marvin Tokayer, an American who has just returned to the U.S. from Japan where he served as rabbi for many years, the Japanese government was planning and had laid out a "homeland" for the Jews in Japan before it joined Hitler. Rabbi Tokayer has a manuscript of 10,000 pages outlining the "Jewish state" envisioned in Japan.

BELLEVILLE'S COMMUNITY

David Milgram, Congress Central Region's director for smaller communities, reports that the Jewish community of Belleville is alive and well and expanding. The initial 25-family community has grown to 33 with the addition of eight newcomers (three married and five single) who have recently moved there to fill jobs made available through local Jewish businessmen. Plans are going ahead to involve newcomers in synagogue services and programing which includes an ongoing tradition of holding a minyan every Shabbat at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Milgram further reports that the women's groups have set up a Before 'N After Shop within the synagogue facilities for the sale of new and used articles and clothing. It is open two days a week. In addition, the women's organizations are presently negotiating with the general community to set up an Israel pavilion at the upcoming carnival to be held in the spring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kosher Meals-on-Wheels urgently requires drivers this winter. Hundreds of Jewish elderly and disabled rely on volunteers to bring them the only hot meal they get. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, call Selma Taylor at Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly at 635-2860.

Every little boy needs someone, but what about the youngster who never had that someone to look up to, to confide in, to hack around with? That's where Big Brothers comes in — men willing to give a few hours a week to help a young boy grow. Be a Big Brother. Call Estelle Altman or Shirley Worth at the Jewish Family and Child Service at 781-1592.

INDIANS TOUR ISRAEL

Among the unusual pilgrimages to Israel recently was a group of 11 Canadian Indians from the Cree and Ojibway tribes of the province of Alberta. Led by Chief Small Boy and Chief Ochiese, they toured the holy places and studied co-operative farming methods for possible adoption back home. The group, accompanied by a representative of the Indian and Northern Affairs Department, arrived in Jerusalem from Geneva where they attended a UN-sponsored conference of native people.

King David maitre d'hotel who served Anwar Sadat shares anecdotes on catering the historic affair

bon appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

"Without doubt, the most historical event I've ever helped organize in the course of my duties."

Avraham Weiner, for 25 years maitre d'hotel of Jerusalem's King David hotel, was talking about his part in the visit of President Anwar Sadat, when he took charge of the reception and catering for the Egyptian leader and a large entourage of government officials, security personnel and a press delegation.

"It was all done on 48 hours notice — and we didn't work on Shabbat either," said tall, unflappable, quietly-spoken Weiner triumphantly. "I knew about the visit at the same time as the rest of the country. I received a phone call from the prime minister's office at 5:30 p.m. the previous Thursday. The hotel manager heard the news flash on his car radio — he was returning home from reserve duty in the army at the time."

The immediate task was to clear the hotel of its guests and prepare for the advance delegation due to arrive on the morrow, who were expected to answer some of the questions regarding arrangements.

"I've catered for many heads of state on official visits — the queen of the Belgians, President Nixon — but I've never been in the situation where I couldn't lift a telephone or contact embassy personnel in order to check on procedure," explained Weiner.

But an atmosphere of peace and calm reigned as things got under way. "In this business, 95% is behind-the-scenes organization. The actual execution is no problem," smiled Weiner, who was first in line to greet the Egyptian leader upon his arrival at the hotel.

"It was an exciting moment," recalled Weiner, the memory of this supremely unlikely meeting already taking on a dream-like quality. Weiner brought the president and PM Begin fresh orange juice and other soft drinks — as a devout Moslem, Sadat does not touch alcohol — and the two leaders talked alone for a long time.

Later, when Begin took his leave, Weiner asked Sadat if he would like a meal, and the president replied in a friendly manner: "I'm an old man, I don't like to eat too much during the day."

To this Weiner responded, to Sadat's evident appreciation: "You are not an old man — you are a great man." Later, in fact, Sadat did order a meal: Smoked salmon, grilled steak and salad, as the next day he would eat nothing until after the lengthy Eid el-Adha festival prayers in the El Aksa mosque.

The meals catered by Weiner's department were fairly simple. "The president came on business, he did not have time for long, drawn out banquets with many complicated courses," said Weiner.

But for the Sunday night dinner, Weiner invented a surprise dessert which delighted the 34 guests present: a creation of sponge gateau, ice-cream and tinted marzipan in the shape of four large pyramids, with the interconnecting bridges inscribed with the Hebrew and Arabic words for peace.

The moment was a great success. Two, embossed silver trays holding the four large pyramids, were wheeled in on wagons up to the two leaders, amid the applause of the guests. No photographers were in the room, so one of Begin's staff raced down to the hotel lobby, where he found an Israeli TV crew to record the moment.

"My gesture was the product of a night's brain-cudgelling," confided Weiner. "Never in history has there been a meeting like this, of two enemy peoples, and I wanted to contribute to the occasion in a fitting manner.

Among Weiner's treasured momentos of the visit are a sheaf of signed photographs of himself with the Egyptian president, and a note in English and Arabic reading: "Thanks for the very warm hospitality that we received here. My deepest gratitude to all the staff, (signed) A. Sadat."

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Among the dishes prepared by Weiner's staff for the working-dining session held during the visit, Weiner and I selected this recipe for boneless, stuffed chicken. It is ideal for entertaining, as it can be kept warm for some time without getting spoilt, or can be prepared in advance, and sliced and reheated later.

I have given quantities here, but it is clear that the amount of stuffing will vary with the size of the chicken.

Boneless Stuffed Chicken (as prepared at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem for the visit of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt)

1 roasting chicken
1 cup parboiled rice
6 fresh mushrooms, sliced
1-2 koshered chicken livers, sliced
1/4 cup pine-nuts or sliced, blanched almonds

1. clean and dry chicken. Remove legs, but not thighs. Then working carefully with a small, sharp knife, detach all bones from inside chicken, leaving on wings and thigh bones

2. mix together rice, mushrooms, chicken livers and nuts. Season with salt and pepper, and stuff chickens with the mixture, preserving shape

3. rub chicken lightly with fat or oil and enclose in greaseproof paper. Place in an oven pan with a little water on the bottom, and roast at 350° for about 1 1/4 hrs. The chicken will become smaller and more compact as it cooks. Serve decorated with slices of pineapple warmed along with the chicken in the pan, for the last 10 minutes. Little fluted "chef's hats" of white paper can be placed atop the thigh bones for a flourish

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Exhibit features Jewish artists

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Eight Jewish artists are represented in the Rothmans Aspects of Realism exhibition, which is now at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, the last stop in its six-month cross-country tour.

Although the exhibition is drawn from 11 countries, the Jewish artists, with the exception of Belgian painter Marcel Mayer and British Michael Leonard, are all Americans.

Steven A. Linn is the only one of these to show a sculpture, the wood, bronze and wool **Woman Knitting**. The others are painters in the currently fashionable style of photo realism, with here and there traces of pop art, notably Audrey Flack's huge acrylic on canvas titled **Queen**.

Howard Kanovitz shows his mirror-image hotel room, **Hotel Qual Voltaire** and Ron Kleeman the exposed motor of a gleaming car that sports an Ontario licence plate. Ben Schonzeit and Idelle Weber both chose vegetables as their subjects, the former enormous, cellophane wrapped cauliflowers, the latter green beans, temptingly fresh and crisp, displayed in baskets outside a vegetable store.

The entire exhibition is fascinating and provoking and will be in Hamilton until Jan. 8. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday evening 7-9, and Sundays 1-5 p.m.

Meanwhile a recent fair sponsored by the women's committee of the Art Gallery of Hamilton for the first time invited the Jewish community to take part. Billed as "The Best of Hamilton's Synagogues," the exhibit featured items from the gift shops of the three synagogues.

More interesting, however, according to Barbara Pollack, who as Hamilton Jewish Federation chairman of community relations was in charge of overall arrangements, was the fact that about 30 local Jewish artists and artisans submitted works of a high enough quality for exhibition and sale. Of these, eventually only about 20 submitted their works, ranging from paintings, drawings and sculptures to pottery, weaving and decorative little bead trees.

Also, the gallery's permanent exhibition includes the works of some 20 Jewish artists.

...about people

Succeeding **Bernice Dyment**, first public relations gal at Toronto Israel Bonds, is **Helen Redner**. Raised in Hamilton, the graduate in English literature of Stern College for Women in New York City began her journalism career in Toronto as, of all things, a mining reporter. In 1970, Ms. Redner moved to Jerusalem and worked as a freelance writer and editor on a variety of newspapers and magazines for the next five years. Two years ago, after returning to Toronto, she edited a magazine called Canada Green. Fluent in Hebrew, Ms. Redner hopes that her Canada-Israel connection will be of service to Israel Bonds.

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An announcement in the London Jewish Chronicle that **Emil Fackenheim** was to be guest speaker at a one-day Solidarity with Israel conference held in the English capital earlier this month, refers to the University of Toronto philosophy professor as "one of the world's most eminent authorities on the twin themes of Zionism and the Holocaust". Apparently Dr. Fackenheim is also considered one of the top lecturers on the circuit by **Lily Edelman** who directs the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau in the U.S. Commenting on the American-Jewish cultural scene she told the Chronicle that he really packs them in. "He's one of our big stars" she says.

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Among the 13 first prize winners in the First International Competition of Children's Paintings on Jerusalem was **Adam Froman** of Ottawa. The prize includes a visit to Israel accompanied by an adult, plus a gold medal which was presented to Adam by Israel Ambassador to Canada **Mordecai Shalev**. The contest, marking the 10 years of a united Jerusalem, was sponsored by Mayor **Teddy Kollek**. More than 150,000 children, aged 7-14, entered the contest.

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Be sure to catch the art show at Baycrest Centre. It is a dual show of works done by two Toronto artists — **Morton S. Harris**, who has done numerous charcoals of Jewish life in early middle Europe up to present-day Israel, and **Harry Ahn**, who is exhibiting several ink sketches of Baycrest residents. Incidentally, the artists, both of whom have won awards in New York in the past two years, are co-owners of Portraits 3 gallery on Finch Avenue West. The show runs to Jan. 7.

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With the first volume of Sanctity in Jewish Family Life by Toronto rabbi-author **Nachman Shemen** (he's executive-director of the Orthodox division of Congress Central Region) already off the press, the I.L. Peretz Publishing House of Tel Aviv has announced that it is now in the process of completing the second volume. If you would like to know more about these books, contact the author at 197 Lonsmount Dr., Toronto M5P 2Y6.

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Russian newcomers to Toronto group around piano in the home of Gella Rothstein (right) at UJA tea. From the left are Ida Donde, Margaret Krasnov, Alla Lubarskaja, Maria Aptekar, Polinda Tsiller, Carole Reiter of the United Jewish Appeal, Faina Viater, Zina Gilis, Anne Macklis, Anne Korus and Alla Krasnov.

UJA women's group sponsors get acquainted tea for Russians

TORONTO —

The Russians are here and they very much want to become involved in the Jewish communal life of Toronto. This feeling was expressed most emphatically by 10 young Russian women who braved the elements to come out to a "getting to know you" tea sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal women's division.

The overtures to the UJA women's division came from Faina Viater, who has been living in Toronto for close to four years. She approached Carol Reiter, whose longtime active involvement on behalf of Soviet Jewry has made her a familiar figure to most of the newcomers. Mrs. Reiter is a co-chairman in the general canvass division.

"Faina told me that the only social contacts she has here is with other Russians," Mrs. Reiter explained. "She and most of her friends have become acclimatized and adjusted to Canadian life and are now eager to take on responsibilities as participating Jews in their new home. I suggested that the UJA would be the ideal introductory vehicle to acquaint them with the wide variety of resources that are funded through the annual campaigns. And so this first get-together was arranged."

Marvelle Koffler, 1978 women's division chairman, addressed the group informally, outlining the role the United Jewish Appeal plays in the funding of vital services both in Israel and the local community.

Mrs. Koffler listed the beneficiary agencies which UJA funds, and when Jewish Immigrant Aid Services was mentioned, each of the Russian women said she had received aid of some kind from the agency on arrival here.

The tea, held at the home of Gella Rothstein, is the first of a series of meetings with Russian newcomers, to be held over a six-month period and designed to bring more and more Russian women into the mainstream of Jewish organizational life. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8.

Maimonides College offers BA Judaica degree courses

TORONTO —

Toronto students can now take Jewish studies from kindergarten to college without leaving home, thanks to Maimonides College, which offers courses leading to a BA (Judaica) degree.

The University of Toronto, York and McMaster accept students from the college for courses in arts, science or commerce, for credit towards a Maimonides degree.

Rabbi Stanley Weber, dean of degree studies at the college, was guest speaker at a recent parlor meeting of Maimonides supporters hosted by Esther and Jerry Abraham.

During the program, Prof. Eleazer Birnbaum said the college is Canada's first degree-granting institution of learning under Jewish auspices.

"Since the college is an autonomous institution, it can develop programs and promote teaching and research activities in directions that are of great value to Jewish education," he said.

Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum said Maimonides fills an educational void in the Jewish community for a post-secondary institution of learning in an atmosphere of commitment to Jewish religious and moral values.

Prof. Leo Davids, who chaired the meeting, said the college was established as a degree-granting institution in 1969 by an act of the Ontario Legislature.

It presently operates from facilities provided by Eitz Chaim Schools and has enrolled full and part time students from all sections of the community.

Maimonides courses are also being offered at Windsor and Hamilton. Its curriculum includes Bible, Talmud, and Hebrew, as well as Jewish history, philosophy, law and education.

It has already granted a BA degree in Judaica to a number of students. Obtaining a degree requires specialization in Jewish studies and at least one area of general studies.

Beth Tzedec elects Dales as president

TORONTO —

Bernard S. Dales, a lawyer and community leader, has been elected president of Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Bernard Dales

Dales is vice-president of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association; secretary of the cabinet of Toronto State of Israel Bonds and a member, allocations group, United Community Fund and United Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto.

Other officers are: Dr. Louis R. Harnick, chairman of board; Mannie Brown, first vice-president; Judy Feld Carr, second vice-president; Joseph Kerzner, vice-chairman of board; Paul Rothstein, secretary; and Marvin Miller, treasurer.

Film festival

TORONTO —

Toronto Jewish Congress will present a Jewish film festival (in English) at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The festival is being arranged by the media resources committee of the TJC Jewish Cultural Council.

Films to be shown are: **The Hebrew Lesson**, the story of a Jew in Ireland; **Denmark '43**, about the rescue of Danish Jews from the Nazis; **Orchestra**, a story of Soviet immigrants to Israel who start an orchestra in their new home; **Voices of Youth**, filmed interviews with Israeli teenagers; **To Stand on One's Feet**, a documentary of the rehabilitation of an Israeli soldier who lost both legs; **Jerusalem Through Art**, depicting Jerusalem through the eyes of artists over the generations; **May Peace Begin With Me**, about a kibbutz on the Golan, and **The Issue is Peace**, which spans Jewish settlement in Israel from the time of King David to the present.

The festival will also include panel discussions on the films.

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Campus students campaign for UJA

TORONTO —

Jewish students at the University of Toronto are aiming to top their record 1977 United Jewish Appeal campaign with plans for 1978 already under way for a repeat of the fund-raising events which yielded the most dollars last year.

On Jan. 7 the second annual Monte Carlo and Dance Night will be held at the Bloor YM-YWHA, to be followed by a letter campaign and a mammoth telethon on six successive evenings at 150 Beverley St.

To recruit the large number of volunteers necessary for maximum participation, an information table will be set up in the lobby of Sidney Smith Hall early next month. The table will be staffed by a student equipped with brochures and information detailing the allocation of UJA funds in Israel and the local community.

Julea Resnick and Debbie Anthony, U of T students, and Arnold Foss, Shelley Brucker and Lisa Kronick of York University, are the only Canadian participants out of 125 in the UJA Student Leadership Mission to Israel — Dec. 26 to Jan. 4. It is a fact-finding mission, centred around the theme, "Discover a People Called Israel," and is providing an opportunity for students to meet with members of the Knesset, the Jewish Agency, and Israel Defence Forces. Also on their itinerary are visits to absorption centres and development towns, as well as rap sessions with Israeli professors and students.

The Jewish Student Federation "Chai" campaign at York University will get its kickoff at a Dance-a-thon on Jan. 21. Initiated last year, the fund-raising event will again feature a sponsored dance, in which participants will collect for the length of time they manage to stay on the dance floor.

Top name performers will appear in a benefit concert at York University on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to UJA. And a seven-day telethon has been scheduled for Feb. 20 through Feb. 27, in which 20 volunteers will try and reach all Jewish students on campus who have not yet made a contribution.

Shown at the opening campaign meeting of the Ostrovtzer Society are from the left: Sydney Weinberg, Harry Balgelmen (UJA co-chairman with Harry Fisher, not in photo), Harry Binder, UJA Societies chairman; Dr. A. I. Goldberg of Israel, who addressed the meeting; Joseph Snider, president; Abe Nyman.

Tubby Cole

Jack Rose, national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, told us at a recent UJA meeting that "we must prepare ourselves for two eventualities — longed-for peace, and the obvious, if the hopes for peace are shattered."

Jack emphasized that "should tranquility be our fortune, then the Jewish people must deal with a backlog — a quarter of a million immigrants living below the poverty level in Israel. Some of them have waited 30 years for us to supply the means for a dignified existence.

"Should a period of tranquility not be our lot, then we must go on exerting every human effort and resource to alleviate poverty and human suffering within the borders of Israel reborn."

Jack wound up by declaring that "at this moment, pregnant with hope, the Canadian Jewish community cannot and must not be found wanting in providing its share of dollars urgently needed for 1978." (UJA dollars are allocated in Israel by UIA.)

The way the 1978 UJA campaign is going, it looks very much like we can assure Jack that the Toronto community is definitely doing its best for Israel. But we can't rest on our laurels. There are still thousands of prospects to be covered and I am relying on our UJA canvassers to keep up the momentum and make certain that every person in the community who has not yet made a gift be given the opportunity of doing so. Let's continue in the new year the great job that has been done in the past few months.

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Friday, Jan. 6 has been set aside as UJA night by the Temple Emanu-El congregation. **Ruth Kluger-Aliav**, who recently thrilled Toronto women with her account of how Jews were rescued from the Holocaust and taken to Israel, will be the principal speaker at the Shabbat service. **Marvelle Koffler** and I will also participate.

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Dr. Marvin Kopel and his dental group co-chairmen **Drs. Allan Feldman, Mitchell Levine** and **Roel Wyman**, report "respectable" increases as a result of an evening telethon. A great many of their colleagues were reached who had not been previously contacted by canvassers.

Monday, Jan. 23 promises to be a big day for Alpha Omega (the Jewish dental fraternity) members. There will be a half-day clinic on "facial pain" conducted by technicians from the University of Western Ontario, to be followed by a UJA dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in the evening. Featured guest speaker will be **Jacob Barmore**, former Israel ambassador to the United States, who is presently attached to the foreign ministry as a roving ambassador. **Dr. Steven Richmond** is convener for the dinner.

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Dr. Frederick Langer is heading up the physicians' campaign at Mount Sinai Hospital. To date, they have had one meeting at which cards were assigned.

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The Synagogue division under **Mike Harris'** leadership is running one of the liveliest campaigns in many years.

UJA co-chairmen at Beth Sholom, **Harry and Jack Barkin**, have been keeping after canvassers to complete card coverage. They have already exceeded the total recorded last year at the same time.

At Shaarei Shomayim, **William Leibach** and **Irv Green** report substantial increases over last year. Green covered 50 cards in one evening on his own!

Temple Emanu-El canvassers completed 50% of card coverage in one evening telethon. They also report substantial increases.

Top canvassers at Shaarei Tefillah, **Jack Anhang** and **David Sletzky**, report that the synagogue's UJA campaign is well over last year's total.

I've had great reports about the efforts of two veteran canvassers who are beating their own records in this campaign — **Sam Falvish** of Beth Jacob Anshei Driltz and **Irving Roth** of Adath Sholom. With friends like these, how can we not go over the top?

And let's not forget the distaff side. **Margaret Grosbein**, sisterhood president at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, organized a telethon, as did **Sylvia Kay** of Adath Israel.

Also at Beth Emeth, the young marrieds are active campaigners. **Steven Greenwood** and **Jan Lebow** are canvassing their peers and doing a great job.

There was a large turnout of Synagogue division members for a meeting at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, where **Abe Tooch** was guest speaker. The meeting yielded a healthy return of completed cards.

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Five Toronto students are now in Israel, participating in the UJA Student's Mission. They are **Julea Resnick** and **Debbie Anthony** of the University of Toronto and from York University the participants are **Arnold Foss, Shelley Brucker** and **Lisa Kronick**. They will report their impressions for the upcoming Student campaign on both campuses.

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Harry Binder was guest speaker at a UJA kickoff brunch of the Ozrover Society. **Stan Rosen** is the society's UJA chairman.

The Farband of Lithuanian Jews heard a detailed report on local community needs from **Dr. Rupert Shriar**, director of social planning for Toronto Jewish Congress. The meeting was arranged through president **Reuben Madesker** and UJA chairman, **Mrs. Anna Kremer.**

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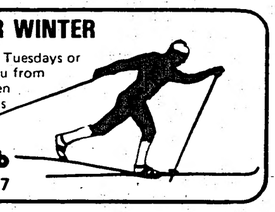

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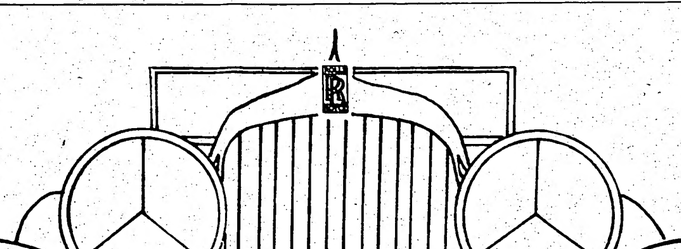

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Parshat Shemot

Vayaseemu alav saral e mesim . . . . And they set over them taskmasters . . . .

There's a time to be silent — and a time to yell.

A rabbi once visited a high-ranking Russian official to protest a recently issued anti-Semitic decree. He became so emotional that he raised his voice.

"Jew, why do you talk so loud," the official grimaced.

"Because the voice of thousands of suffering Jews are speaking through me," he answered.

When Menachem Begin visited the White House recently, even the president listened because thousands of years of Jewish martyrdom echo in his voice.

Moses also. When Pharaoh's daughter found the infant Moses floating in a basket in the Nile, she opened the lid, and behold — **"na'ar bocheh"** — a young lad was crying.

A young lad? Since when is a few month old baby called a young lad? He is a **yeled**, a baby, an infant? Where did he get such a loud voice? Ah, but it teaches . . . the voice of thousands of Jewish babies who faced drowning and burial alive in the walls of the pyramids, cried through the throat of Moses.

But who speaks today for the thousands of heart-broken parents and young people who face the spectre of having to marry out of the faith because there's no one to bring young Jews together?

Pharaoh was a fool, the great genius, Reb Shlomo Kluger said. If he wanted to make the Jews disappear he shouldn't have tried to torture and brow-beat them to death. He should have sent them to Vienna and Paris and Toronto and in the midst of comfort, education and prosperity — Jews would melt away by themselves through assimilation.

Doesn't anyone care about the **churban** going on before our eyes? How great is intermarriage in Canada, even in Toronto — 15%, 25%, 30%?

Where is the Jewish Family and Child Service to establish a modern **shadchan** service to bring together Jewish men and women of all ages who are looking for partners?

Where is the Canadian Jewish Congress, which is so bold about Russian and Syrian Jewry, to stand up and declare that marrying out of the faith is the worst treason against Jewish history and future?

Where are the rabbis and the synagogues, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform alike? Why is there no emergency intermarriage crisis centre to dissuade young Jews from taking the final, suicidal step?

Who cares? Does anybody care?

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Of course, we mustn't be too gloomy. There are Jews who are loyal, and raise large traditional Yiddishe families.

One religious couple had trouble finding an apartment because they had so many children. They approached a landlord on Meadowbrook Road. "Do you have any children," the landlord asked.

"Ich? Nien!" the religious man shrugged.

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Every Jew can be a Moses.

Consider . . . when the Torah describes the birth of Moses, it declares . . . . "And a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi . . . ."

But between you and me — why beat around the bush? Why doesn't it just say their names? But it shows — the Torah wants to make it clear. Moses didn't drop down from Heaven. He was a man, flesh and blood like all men, conceived in the same uncomplicated way as all men — and yet he became an incredibly holy person.

May all Jewish children become Moses and Miriams. Shabbat Shalom.

Customer deposits cash register tape at Hadassah—WIZO display at Loblaw's store at Bathurst and Wilson. It was there for one week. Percentage of tapes goes toward needy mother and children projects in Israel supported by Toronto Hadassah.

Metro Caravan entry planned for next year

TORONTO [Staff] —

The Jewish community will again be represented at Metro Caravan next year, in honor of Israel's 30th anniversary. And a roster of events have been arranged for the occasion.

The Jerusalem pavillion — which last appeared on the occasion of the state's 25th birthday — will be co-ordinated by the Canadian Zionist Federation and representatives of all major Jewish organizations in the city.

CZF's Central Region Executive Director Eliot Sargon said he hoped the pavilion could become a yearly operation with sufficient manpower and interest. The theme this year is centred on 30 years of progress and development, particularly in industry, technology, science and Third World aid.

Additional exhibits at the pavilion will feature kibbutz life, Holocaust remembrance, a marketplace for Israeli produce, kosher food and musical entertainment.

The second time Toronto Jewry has operated a display in the eight-year history of the multicultural Caravan, the pavilion will be funded through the sale of passbooks (organizations reap $1 from each "passport") and a Caravan program sponsored by advertisers.

Chairman of the 30th anniversary committee is Max Goody, a vice-president of CZF Central Region. Last year, he told The CJN it was difficult to recruit staff to operate a pavilion regularly because of insufficient interest.

Estimates of the cost of the exhibit range from $10-20,000. The location of the pavilion has not yet been determined. Caravan runs from June 23-July 1 (although the Jewish community will close its facility on the Sabbath.)

The Jerusalem display is one in a series of activities planned to celebrate the anniversary, in which musical programs play a key role. On May 10 next year, the official opening of Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations takes place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue marked by the premiere of a musical tribute commissioned by the community. The choral number has been composed by Paul Hoffert.

On May 24, Israeli vocalist Chava Albertstein appears at Beth Tzedec under the co-sponsorship of the CZF and the synagogue's sisterhood. A full-day event of Israel music and artists is tentatively scheduled for the Ontario Place Forum in the spring.

Jewish day schools will join the festivities with a joint program to be co-ordinated at a central location yet to be determined. Schools will also be involved in presentations at a community-wide "Yom Yerushalayim Picnic" slated, so far, for May 28. The UJA will be operating a rock-a-thon at that time:

For organizations or individuals interested in participating in the pavilion or other events, contact Norma Mamott at the CZF, 787-6171.

She speaks of frustration of separation

TORONTO [Staff] —

"It's a tragedy," said the Riga-born, 30-year-old woman, wiping the tears from her eyes. Despite the countless repetitions of the ordeal confronting her father, a Refusenik, Luba Perlov could not restrain her emotions at yet another recital.

"It's hard to speak," she said, choking back her sorrow, as the story spilled out. Mrs. Perlov, a resident of Haifa for five years, is the only daughter of Mikhail Eidelman, a 61-year-old former merchant marine captain, who has been refused an exit visa from the Soviet Union since 1971.

In Toronto on part of a North American trip, she described with a mixture of frustration and hope the years of separation and waiting. Her father, a sailor for 42 years, worked as a stevedore before losing his job.

His application for emigration has been repeatedly refused, including the most recent one in October. Eidelman's wife, Faiga, left for Israel in October of '76, in the hope that her move would hasten her husband's release.

The Refusenik is being "adopted" by the Beth Tzedec sisterhood and its committee for Soviet Jewry, said to be the first synagogue sponsorship here for such a case.

"My father is alone, without family, without friends," said Mrs. Perlov, a piano teacher and mother of two. (Her 4-year-old son, a Sabra, has yet to see his grandfather.) "He's in bad health and now is very depressed."

Called to the KGB in December of 1975, Eidelman was told personally that the condition of secrecy, the grounds for his refusals, had been removed and nothing technically stood in the way of his emigration. He has been refused twice since then.

Mikhail Eidelman

"I was sent to Israel," said his daughter in English. "He wanted the children to be Jewish." Eidelman, who spent four years in a German concentration camp, has not seen his daughter since, although regular phone communication and letters from his family do reach him.

On her first visit away from her children and husband Noach, a mechanical engineer, Mrs. Perlov is on a six-week trip that will eventually take her to England. While in Toronto, her only Canadian stop, she stayed with her Russian cousin, Dr. Abe Zhuk.

As well as a physical trial, Eidelman's situation is an emotional drain. Fluent in Yiddish as well as Hebrew, the former seaman has lost contact with friends who are afraid to associate with a Refusenik.

His daughter said there appears to be no rationale for his detention. "He has heart problems," she explained quietly. "I think they are trying to make him ill, to use him as an example." Although a strong man, her father's will appears to be weakening, she added.

Letters in support of Eidelman have been secured from Opposition Leader Stuart Smith, Consumer Affairs Minister Lawrence Grossman and MPP David Rotenberg.

Alumni to form chapter

TORONTO —

Israel Roi, vice-provost of the Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students, was here recently to meet young people from this area who had attended the Hebrew University, most of them as participants in the one-year program.

Plans were discussed for the formation of an alumni chapter which would arrange a program of interesting activities to contribute to the strengthening of ties between the university and its alumni in Toronto and the surrounding area.

Roi also announced that an international conference of Hebrew University alumni will take place in Jerusalem, June 15 to June 23. One of the purposes of this conference is a reunion of classmates from abroad, teachers and fellow alumni in Israel.

Participants will also be able to acquaint themselves with recent developments in research and study.

Former students of the university resident in Metropolitan Toronto are asked to contact the office of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University at 787-0136.

Founder of Jewish library, Rabbi Israel Frankel dies

TORONTO —

The guiding light behind the establishment of a Toronto Jewish public library, Rabbi Israel Frankel, died recently. He was the library's first director until his retirement in 1975.

A native of Poland, Rabbi Frankel came to Toronto in 1950 and served as executive director here of the Mizrachi prior to his involvement in the library renowned today for its collection of Judaica. He started with a few hundred books in the 1950s.

Rabbi Israel Frankel

Today, the library has about 20,000 volumes.

Ordained in 1929 by the well-known Rabbi David Halevy Ish Horowitz, Frankel received his smicha in Dublin. His father was a prominent Chassidic rabbi.

The library director was also a scholar of note and authored **Peshat** (Plain Exegesis in Talmudic and Midrashic Literature), containing over 2,000 Talmudic references.

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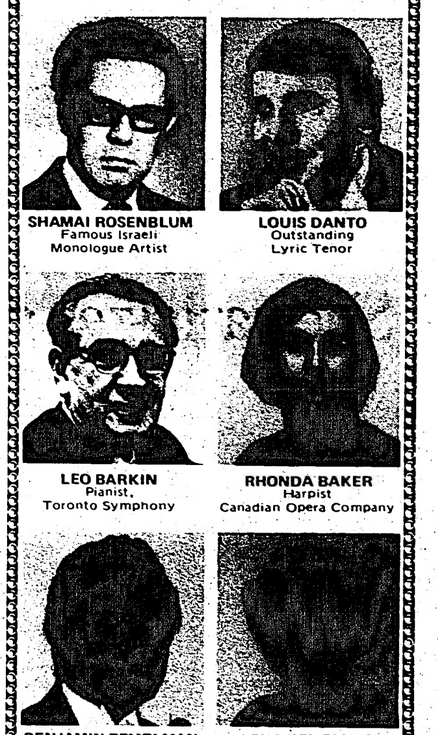

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10 works of fiction

A guide to Jewish literature 'for the perplexed'

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

In a recent article in The Canadian Jewish News, I recommended 18 books for a Jewish home library. The selections were all works of non-fiction. In response to a number of requests I should like to suggest additional titles that might be subsumed under the heading of belles lettres. Several Canadian books have also been indicated. All the titles are available in paperbound form.

1. **As a Driven Leaf** by Milton Steinberg. This seminal novel based on the life of the heretical Talmudic sage Elisha ben Abuya is a brilliant attempt to describe the perennial conflict between faith and reason.
2. **Night** by Elie Wiesel. All of Wiesel is worth reading and pondering. This autobiographical short novel of a teenager's experiences in Auschwitz adumbrates all of the major themes explored by the author in his subsequent work.
3. **Great Jewish Stories.** Edited by Saul Bellow. There are a number of similar anthologies. This one offers the bonus of a long and splendid introduction by the author.
4. **Treasury of Yiddish Stories.** Edited by Irving Howe and Eleazar Greenberg. This compendium and its companion volume **Treasury of Yiddish Poetry,** by the same editors, bring to life the entire gamut of Yiddish literature. Here is the world of our forebears with all of its hopes and fears, yearnings, dreams and ambitions.
5. **The Malamud Reader.** Edited by Philip Rahv. This volume presents a generous sampling from the writings of one of the most talented and distinctive Jewish authors of our time. Included are the complex text of **The Assistant** and 10 short stories from assorted works.
6. **The Slave** by I.B. Singer. One could just as well have chosen many other books by this born storyteller such as **Short Friday, Satan in Goray** and **The Family Moskat**. Singer probably writes too much and he has, to some degree, sensationalized the darker or occult side of the Jewish tradition. However, once started, his books are difficult to put down. The reader is edified by his spiritual, if sometimes bizarre and eccentric, outlook on life.
7. **The Collected Poems of A.M. Klein.** Edited by Miriam Waddington. Klein is Canada's outstanding Jewish poet and one of Canada's best. He is profoundly knowledgeable about all aspects of Judaism and brings to his rich material poetic force and superbly controlled emotion.
8. **Son of a Smaller Hero** by Mordecai Richler. Written as far back as 1955, and less familiar than **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz** (1959) and **St. Urbain's Horseman** (1971), this novel is an entertaining and revealing side of bygone Montreal Jewish life.
9. **The Sacrifice** by Adele Wiseman. This engrossing novel, together with her more recent book **The Crackpot** (1974), are memorable, carefully wrought, studies of Winnipeg Jewish families of an earlier era.
10. **The Source** by James A. Michener. Written by a non-Jew, this is undoubtedly the most influential novel that has ever appeared about Jewish history. Although the author is sometimes a bit cavalier with his facts, this remarkable, massive, sweeping exploration of the multilayered tel of Jewish history, both teaches and inspires.

CBC leaves Canadian Jews out in the cold, charges culture booster Ben Nobleman

By RICK KARDONNE

"The CBC is run by a WASP establishment. There is not a single Jew in the upper echelon of the CBC. B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress should make a public protest to Prime Minister Trudeau about this."

So says Ben Nobleman, who, besides being the long-time alderman of Ward 1 in York, is the president of the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent, which has been staging a long struggle, supported by impressive documented evidence, to give Canadian performers the prime opportunities to freely work in their own country. As well, they wish to enable Canadian performers to work in the United States with the same ease as can American performers work in Canada.

"Most Canadians who make it in Hollywood have been Jewish — and have gotten nowhere in the CBC. The president of the CBC should have been Sydney Newman (the former National Film Board chief who is internationally recognized as having created the modern British TV industry)." But he believes that Newman's Jewishness was a key reason for his never being seriously considered for this post to which he is most qualified.

Nobleman believes that whatever few Jews there are at the CBC bend over backwards. Examples he gives of this tendency are Larry Zolf's interview with German neo-Nazi Adolf von Thadden and Barbara Frum's more recent interview of an Arab pro-PLO Ramallah sympathizer on Erev Rosh Hashana 5738. But the militantly self-affirmative Jews such as the veteran broadcaster Percy Saltzman have been unable to get work at the CBC. Only in the serious music department of the CBC is this attitude less apparent.

A secondary reason why Newman and others like him have never been considered for CBC executive posts, according to Nobleman, is simply that they are creative-minded. After all, the CBC is a civil service bureaucracy. It is not made up of creative people; and thus it promotes mediocrity. "Most CBC producers couldn't last a month in private enterprise," he says. This explains why Lister Sinclair, the only creative person ever to achieve a top CBC post, resigned after six months.

Nobleman says that the annual CBC budget is $500 million, more than

Ben Nobleman

that of the three American networks combined. Yet all it has done with these massive public funds has been to maintain for the past 25 years a closed shop run by a small clique and their friends. Not only have Canadian Jews been left out of their fair shakes, Canadians as a whole have been left out in the cold. "Americans get the big money while the Canadians get the peanuts."

An example of this absurdity is when a New York playwright was hired by the CBC to adapt Morley Torgov's **A Good Place to Come From**, which is about growing up Jewish in Sault Ste. Marie. Since it is now exceedingly difficult for Canadian performers, save the very few superstars, to get work permits south of the border, Nobleman believes that until there is reciprocity, the same stringent regulations should apply to Canada vis-a-vis American performers.

Particularly objectionable is the fact that the CBC does not hold open auditions — the irreplaceable key to the most reliable discovery of new talent. According to Nobleman, once a week, the Johnny Carson show holds open auditions for anyone off the street. Bob Goulet got his start in **Camelot** through open auditions. But not the play-it-safe CBC. "American producers will gamble on talent. Canadians won't. And the CBC is the worst offender."

He revealed that before Ed Sullivan hired Wayne and Shuster, the CBC dropped their option. After their appearance on the Sullivan show, only then did the CBC rehire them at four times their original salary.

He believes that a royal commission must be formed to investigate the CBC, and he thinks that former Canadian Radio-Television Commission chairman Harry Boyle should head it. He would like to see 90% of the CBC budget allocated towards Canadian programing, which he believes should much more represent Canada's true ethnic mosaic. Until then, all public grants to the CBC should end.

In the meantime, as far as Canadian Jewry goes, Nobleman believes that the YM-YWHA should be much more utilized as being the natural homeground for Canadian Jewish professional creative and performing talent. "I commend the leadership of the 'Y' for the fine facilities. But they should put on original Canadian Jewish plays by Canadian Jewish authors. Why doesn't the 'Y' do an adaptation of a Morley Torgov novel instead of Woody Allen's **Don't Drink the Water?**" He also strongly feels that 'Y' theatre productions should be professional, serving as the home turf for such fine home talents as Ben Lennick, Marilyn Lightstone, Moe Margolies, and countless others.

She satirizes male chauvinism in Obie award-winning musical

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

You get the direct approach from author Eve Merriam; an energetic thrust of the hand and a big hello. "Where did you want to go to talk? In the office? The theatre? Out for coffee? Anywhere's fine."

It's the kind of open, nonsense friendliness you'd expect from the author of **The Club**. Eve Merriam, up from New York, where she lives and works, to assist with the changes in Toronto Workshop Production's version of her Obie Award-winning musical about male chauvinism at the turn of the century, looks very much like the working woman's feminist; blue jeans stuck in knee-high boots, a plain dark sweater, and a shock of short dark hair streaked with grey framing an un-made up and shining, but vibrant face. Ms. Merriam insists, however, that though much of her prodigious output — she's written over 30 books — is feminist encrusted "It's not my whole life," she declares.

"I'm a poet first and foremost," says the one-time recipient of the Yale Younger Poets Award, "and indeed if many of her books and plays are not comprised of her own poetry, such as **The Club**, which uses songs from the 1890's, many of them are.

For example, **A Woman Alive: Conversation Against Death** is a one-woman opera for which Merriam wrote the libretto.

Ms. Merriam also loves writing for children, being introduced to it when she was pregnant with her first son (mother and grown son are now collaborating on a new collection of poems for the very young) and an editor friend urged her to write a biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt. "How biographies have changed," she muses. "At that time, they said, 'Let's not stress Roosevelt's polio or his smoking.' This was when they were doing sanitized biographies and all the women were supposed to be like Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale!"

She went on to write the Roosevelt biography, remembering the advice offered that when writing for children, 'Keep your verbs active'.

The book was an enormous success and the next effort is one she holds dear to her heart. **The Voice of Liberty** was based on the life of the famous American Jewish poetess, Emma Lazarus, who penned the verse on the statue of liberty.

"Lazarus came from a rich Sephardic family, but she felt a kinship with the underprivileged and changed her lifestyle completely. The thing that was so tragic was that after her sister converted to Catholicism, she burned Emma's diaries. She was ashamed." Ms. Merriam did her research for the book at the Jewish Theological Seminary and through the years, it has occupied a special niche in the Jewish Publication Society.

The Club wasn't the first play she has been involved in, although it has been her most successful and is still going strong after 18 months at the Circle-in-the-Square. Ms. Merriam laughs. "I have a joke about my plays. I moved from Broadway to Off-Broadway, to Off-Off-Broadway." Her debut on Broadway was with the musical **Inner City**, directed by Tom O'Horgan and based on her own book, **The Inner City Mother Goose**.

A later adaptation was **Out Of Her Father's House**, based on her novel, **Growing Up Female in America**, and her newest play, **Viva Reviva** which moves to Off-Broadway sometime this spring is about four women who come back from the netherworld and, well — look at things differently. Joan of Arc, for instance, refuses to burn.

Does she think that the Toronto Workshop Production of **The Club** emphasizes class prejudice rather than discrimination against woman as noted in a Toronto newspaper? She shakes her head vehemently. "**The Club** is a send-up of male chauvinism. However, class and race go together. Scratch an anti-Semite and you'll find 'anti' any group."

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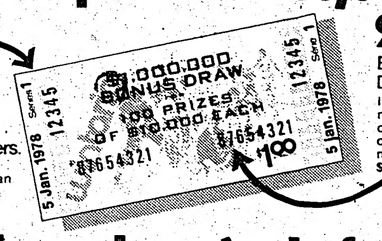

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El Al prepares charters

LONDON [JCNS] —
Israel's national airline, El Al, is now fully prepared through its own charter subsidiary to meet the Israeli government's decision to allow charter flights to Tel Aviv from the United Kingdom and Germany.

The charters will operate from Britain from April 1, 1978, but as the British Airport Authority is to ban all charter activities from Heathrow from that date, the services that do operate will be from secondary airports.

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The airline is continuing with its established policy of encouraging the development of tourism through cheaper group fares, based on regularly scheduled services from Heathrow airport, an El Al spokesman said here. This was still felt to be the best answer to the demands for the growing tourist movement to Israel.

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Tourism bolsters Israeli economy, development

By MOSHE MANDELBAUM

JERUSALEM —

Following the May 1977 elections, the Ministry of Tourism was merged and combined into the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism. The principal purpose of this move was to assure full and increased support to Israel's leading export industry.

The contribution of tourism to the economy of Israel takes four major forms: foreign currency income, investments (including foreign investments) made in the economy, the provision of employment for tens of thousands of workers, and, last but not least, a unique tool to foster a favorable climate between Israel and Diaspora Jewry on one hand, and Israel and the world at large on the other.

Moshe Mandelbaum

One of the basic problems of Israel's economy is the balance of payments gap. The main components of foreign currency expenditures are defence requirements, imports of raw materials for exported goods, and imports for investment purposes.

The deficit in the balance of payments may, therefore, be reduced by an increase of direct and indirect exports sufficiently great to outweigh the increase of imports.

Israel enjoys a significant advantage as far as the tourist industry is concerned, despite the disadvantage caused by its geographic distance from the main sources of tourism.

This comparative advantage derives from the unique combination of basic "raw" materials at Israel's disposal, namely its excellent climatic conditions, the attractions offered by the many sites of historical and religious significance, and the fascinating and unique blend of old and new to be found all over the country.

The importance of tourism to Israel's economy, therefore, lies in its success as an established export industry contributing to the reduction of the deficit in the country's balance of payments.

It may be broadly stated that the indirect effects stem from the ability of tourism to generate economic activity of far wider scope. Investments in new hotels, for example, lead to employment in the building industry. The demand for high-quality products induces a number of industrial branches to improve the standards of their output.

It should be noted that tourism is also a primary factor in the development of new areas of Israel, and contributes to the implementation of the policy of population distribution. Tourism has, for example, accelerated the development of Eilat, where 40% of the local labor force is employed in this industry.

It is also increasing the population and speeding up the development of the coastal strip between Eilat and Ophira (Sharm-el-Sheikh). When the plans for the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee are implemented, tourism will contribute to the development of yet another hitherto uninhabited area.

Another example of this aspect of tourism is the rapid development of the Dead Sea-Arad region, which has gained popularity for spa and health tourism facilities.

For the past decade, Israel's tourist industry has been the most important economic branch. Back in 1967, the income from tourism was $41 million, which represented 0.4% of the country's gross national product. By the end of 1977, we expect an income of $420 million (which will represent some 5% of our GNP), from about one million visitors against only 300,000 a decade ago.

This data includes the tourists to Israel from Jordan and other Arab countries via the Allenby Bridge and by air (15,000 in 1976), but excludes the visitors from Lebanon via The Good Fence (19,000 in 1976) and the 119,000 tourists (in 1976) from Arab countries visiting Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Next year, on the 30th anniversary of the state, special celebrations planned throughout the year should attract many new tourists and return visitors, bringing a further increase of about 10% in 1978.

Mr. Mandelbaum is director-general of Israel's Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

THE CANADIAN CONNECTION

in my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

TIBERIAS, Israel —

"The Canadian Connection" has become an operative status phrase here, or so it is my impression since joining Baron Edmond de Rothschild and his wife for an ultra-brief holiday on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

The occasion was the formal opening of Canadian Pacific's second posh hostelry in Israel (the first is the Jerusalem Plaza) with Rothschild baring his emotions, which are still running high after the historic visit of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

"After that great event and the great events to come, tourism will be Israel's most important industry," he said.

And who is largely instrumental in making it so?

No less than The Canadian Connection, in the form of CP Hotels, whose new Tiberias Plaza, all $12 million of it, plus the already successful Jerusalem Plaza have shown that the doubters and doomsayers are the last ones to give advice on corporate operation in Israel by foreign investors.

The connection between the baron and CP is simple — Donald Curtis. He once operated a hotel in Caesarea for Rothschild, and during his U.S. army days he gained an intimate knowledge of the Mideast. Later on, Curtis managed his resort properties in France.

When the Israel Bond program was begun in the earlier days of Israel's establishment, a young man named Eitan Shafir — now CP's representative in Israel — was assigned to go to Paris on a Bond-selling mission which included the recruiting of the Rothschild name for an important function.

That's when the first part of The Canadian Connection — although neither could have realized it — fell into place.

Many years later, after Canadian Pacific had realigned its corporate divisions into CP Air, CP Rail, CP Hotels, the company's board of directors were looking around for a bright younger man who would take over the hotel chain which, at the time, appeared ready for international expansion after years of relative domestic dormancy.

Through some way or another, the search led to Donald Curtis, who became chairman, then president of CP Hotels.

The Plaza had first been planned as a luxurious apartment in the centre of Jerusalem, with Independence Park serving as its lush garden on one side, and the Hechel Shlomo Synagogue and seat of the chief rabbinate, serving as its spiritual inspiration across the street on Rehov Melech George.

As so often happens in Israel with major construction projects, for one reason or another the Plaza had a number of false starts and real stops, until it was decided to convert the complex into a luxury hotel, with less than 100 apartments available to affluent tenants interested in buying a pied a terre.

And that's just what it is today.

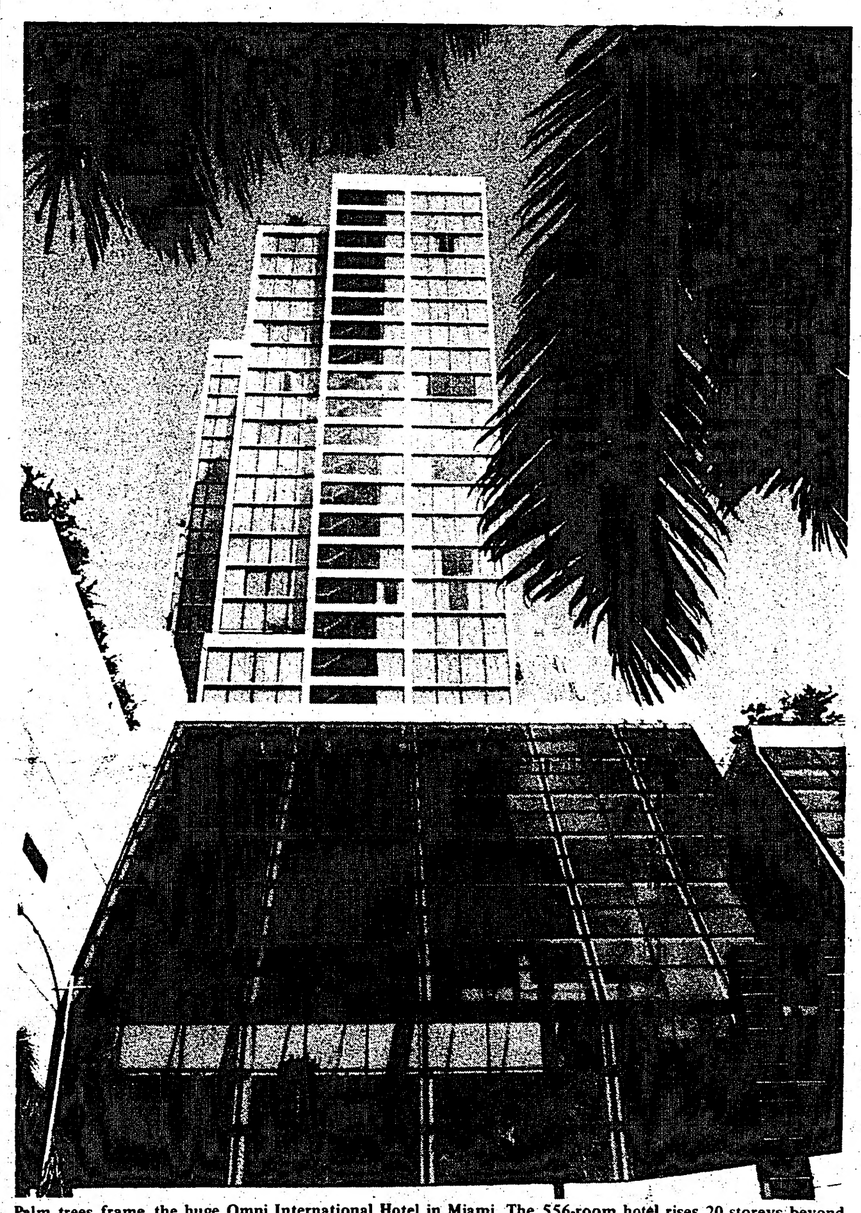
Israel Corp., in which Baron Edmond de Rothschild has a very significant interest, invited CP Hotels, which happened to have Donald Curtis as its head, to operate the Plaza.

Also interesting is that Jack Brin, one of Israel's most influential business figures — he's particularly involved in the Supersol supermarket chain with its main Jerusalem outlet just below the Plaza on Agron street — has his own important Canadian connections and, as well, is general manager of Yam Kinneret Hotels, an Israel Corp. subsidiary which owns the Tiberias Plaza.

So there you have it — an attempted explanation of how simple is The Canadian Connection which finds Canadian Pacific an important presence in Israel in Jerusalem and Tiberias, and possibly soon, Tel Aviv.

31 million tourists to visit state in 1978

Florida resort accommodations blossom



Palm trees frame the huge Omni International Hotel in Miami. The 556-room hotel rises 20 storeys beyond the sixth level of the $76 million structure. Located on Biscayne Bay, Omni offers great shopping facilities.

MIAMI —

Because of the more than 31 million visitors expected to visit Florida in 1978, several major resort hotels have made a debut on the accommodations scene.

All the fanfare of a grand opening heralded the arrival of the Omni International Hotel complex in Miami. The 556-room hotel section, which opened in July, gives its all to provide a pampered atmosphere for guests.

Yet to be completed are a two-level shopping centre with two major department stores, a family entertainment complex called Treasure Island, and six movie theatres. In effect, when the $76-million, 28-storey structure is completed in January 1978, hotel guests will enjoy all the luxuries of a mini-city without ever leaving the complex.

Another resort hotel has spruced up Miami's skyline — the Sheraton River House, which opened in August. Situated on the Miami River, this new 10-storey, 251-room facility features three lounges, a gourmet restaurant called Daphne's, a health club, three lighted tennis courts and boat docking facilities.

The Costa Del Sol resort motel has opened at nearby Lauderdale by the sea. This resort of 43 suites perches on 300 feet of beach, the last piece of oceanfront land in the area. A heated pool, sauna and whirlpool bath are just some of the amenities.

A new Orlando property — the Save Inn at the Gate, near Walt Disney World — features deluxe accommodations, a pool and a friendly bilingual staff. The Mad Hatter Game Room offers nine holes of indoor miniature golf and a wide variety of games and entertainment.

And in Florida's panhandle area, DeFuniak Springs has a new Ramada Inn, with restaurant and lounge.

Expansions, refurbishing projects and name changes are altering the faces of existing facilities in many sections of the state. Walt Disney World's Polynesian Village Resort Hotel is adding 144 new guest rooms, bringing the hotel's total room count to 636. Also planned are a major dining facility, an entertainment centre, a second swimming pool and a landscaped garden area.

Sixty-four new vacation villas are under construction along Walt Disney World's Lake Buena Vista Golf Course. Scheduled completion date is September, 1978. Nearby Sheraton Lakeside Inn has added 100 new guest rooms.

The Sheraton Olympic Villas soon will become the Orlando Mariott Inn. A multi-million-dollar renovation program encompasses 652 rooms in 11 separate two-storey buildings on 35 acres.

Cypress Gardens Motor Inn, adjacent to the Winter Haven attraction, is undergoing a major renovation program that will make it the largest banquet and lounge facility in its area. Rooms, dining facilities, pool and grounds will be revamped.

Tampa's 260-room Causeway Inn Beach Resorts refurbished its north and south complexes, added a poolside bar and an arbor for poolside breakfasts and purchased a 41-passenger bus for guest transportation.

In Jacksonville, the Sheraton completed an expansion program that added 150 guest rooms, a meeting room, a ballroom, a poolside bar and two lighted tennis courts.

The prestigious Boca Raton Hotel and Club, on the state's lower east coast, added a new multi-purpose building with coffee shop, two meeting rooms, game rooms and computer centre, and currently is remodeling its main dining room, health club and locker rooms.

And in the Miami Beach area, a renovation program is under way at the Holiday Inns.

Miami Beach has top attractions

MIAMI BEACH —

Probably the most popular vacation pastime for Miami Beach visitors is sightseeing. The city and surrounding lands and waters on the dividing line between the temperate and tropical zones provide a flora and fauna unduplicated anywhere else in the United States.

The variety of interesting tours is almost infinite, ranging from a 15-minute tram ride around this city's lavishly landscaped Lincoln Road Mall to all-day trips by bus or boat to parks and other showplaces.

In Miami Beach are two, free, municipally-operated points of interest well worth a visit — the Garden Center and the Bass Museum of Art.

The Bass Museum is at 2100 Collins Avenue. On display are Old Masters and French Impressionists, wood sculptures dating from the 14th century and two immense tapestries woven in Belgium more than 100 years ago.

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Author Linda Dranoff overcame obstacles in fight for career 'dream' as a lawyer

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

In 1969, when Linda Silver Dranoff entered Osgoode Hall Law School, there were 300 students in her class, 14 of whom were women. Eight years after her first step into the field, Ms. Dranoff has written a book, **Women In Canadian Law**, which deals, in historic manner, with societal attitudes and laws that have brought about discriminatory practices against women in Canada.

Her desire to become a lawyer and follow her particular interest in family law took several years to come to fruition. After receiving an Honors BA in history from the University of Toronto in 1961, she moved to New York and worked on the executive staff of the United Synagogue of America.

It was there that her 10-year-old daughter, Bibi, was born. By 1969 she was divorced and began thinking about starting a new life and entering law school.

"In 1961 it seemed an impossible dream. It was something I had wanted to do when I was younger, but put out of my mind as simply out of the question because women just did not seem to go into law then. By 1969, I was able to make the decision to go to law school irrespective of social conditions. Perhaps the women's liberation movement, which was just getting off the ground, had some positive repercussions on me," she said.

The decision to go to law school, she pointed out, was only one obstacle to overcome. She had to juggle her time to meet her obligations as mother and student. That pressure remained even after she became a lawyer, motivating her to go into private practice so, as she explained, "I could be my own boss, choose my own hours and thus be able to carry out my responsibilities to my daughter."

Linda Dranoff — lawyer who overcame odds.

While Ms. Dranoff was a law student at Osgoode Hall, she had no female professors, but the women lawyers she got to know were supportive. She met many of them while doing research on an article that appeared in the Osgoode Hall Law Journal, "Women as Lawyers in Toronto."

At her graduation ceremony, her young daughter ran up to her and hugged her just after the dean presented her with her degree. Suddenly everybody in the audience started clapping and it was then, she realized, how much support and encouragement she had received from the other students.

Still, there were other obstacles she had to overcome as a woman. "I found a lot of discrimination in locating an articling job despite the fact that I had previous business experience and that I was highly recommended by the staff of the school," she said.

After she started to practice law, a woman came up to her and asked her what she did. When Ms. Dranoff stated that she was a lawyer, the shocked woman responded, "You, yourself?"

"I though to myself that women are so used to obtaining a vicarious identity through their husbands that that woman simply could not imagine I would have an identity all my own," she said.

Even before the publishers, Fitzhenry and Whiteside, approached her to write the book, **Women In Canadian Law**, which is one of a series of books on Women in Canadian life, her opinions had been sought by newspapers and a variety of radio and television shows.

Concerning the objectives of her book, she noted. "I want people to understand that as a result of historic forces and conditions that are no longer true, women have been given a subordinate status.

"I want people to see that the laws with respect to women had developed in response to attitudes and circumstances that are now relics of past societies, and that by exploring the history of women and seeing where women are today, it would make sense to people to change the laws to bring them up-to-date with reality."

UIA mission

Snow doesn't deter Col. Yehuda Levy

KITCHENER —

The first major snow storm of the season did not deter Col. Yehuda Levy of Israel from getting here recently to address a United Israel Appeal leadership group from Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph at a luncheon hosted by the Kitchener Campaign Chairman Ernie Raphael.

Raphael and Women's Division Chairman Joyce Strauss both announced that their respective divisions each showed increases of over 10% for the recently completed 1977 campaign.

In his remarks, Levy, who was involved with security arrangements for the Sadat trip to Israel, said there was a spirit of renewed optimism in Israel. He said that Sadat went to Israel only because Israel is strong and he asked that the UIA leadership continue their efforts to maintain this strength.

Col. Yehuda Levy meets (from left), Kitchener UIA Campaign Chairman Ernie Raphael, Flo Raphael, Gordon Strauss, Joyce Strauss and Vicki Walters.

Where's Israel?

LOS ANGELES [JTA] —

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (International Law Section) was sharply criticized by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for having excluded Israel from its conference, **The Middle East: Legal and Business Aspects**, it was announced by Joshua Kheel, president of ADL's Pacific Southwest Regional Board. "Strikingly absent from the program," said Kheel, "is the Middle East nation of Israel."

The conference was held in co-operation with the Foreign Trade Association, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's International Commerce Committee, the University of Southern California Graduate School of Business Administration, and the USC Law Centre.

The ADL has been concerned for some time about the proliferation of conferences around the country which focus on "doing business in the Middle East" but which systematically exclude any references to doing business with Israel, the only democracy in that part of the world, Kheel said.

In a letter to Samuel Williams, president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, dated Nov. 18 to which the ADL here said there has been no response, ADL's western states counsel, David A. Lehrer, observed that "the deliberate exclusion of Israel from these programs makes these symposia not very subtle vehicles for furthering the goals of the Arab boycott by conveying the notion that a firm can deal either with the Arab world or with Israel, but not with both."

Union leader dies at 76

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Funeral services have been held for Louis Stulberg, who died recently at the age of 76. He was president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) from 1966 to 1975.

Born in Poland, he was brought to Toronto at the age of three. He became a cutter as a teenager, but had to leave Toronto when he was blacklisted for union activities.

Stulberg went first to Chicago and then to Toledo, Ohio where he began his activities in the ILGWU as an organizer in Toledo and the Midwest.

After holding many union offices he joined the ILGWU's general staff in 1945 as assistant executive secretary and was elected a vice-president in 1947.

In 1956, he became executive vice-president and was elected secretary-treasurer in 1959. He was elected president in 1966 after David Dubinsky resigned.

Stulberg had been a vice-president of the AFL-CIO and was a United States representative to the United Nations. He was a fellow of Brandeis University and was a member of HIAS, the National Committee for Labor Israel and American ORT.

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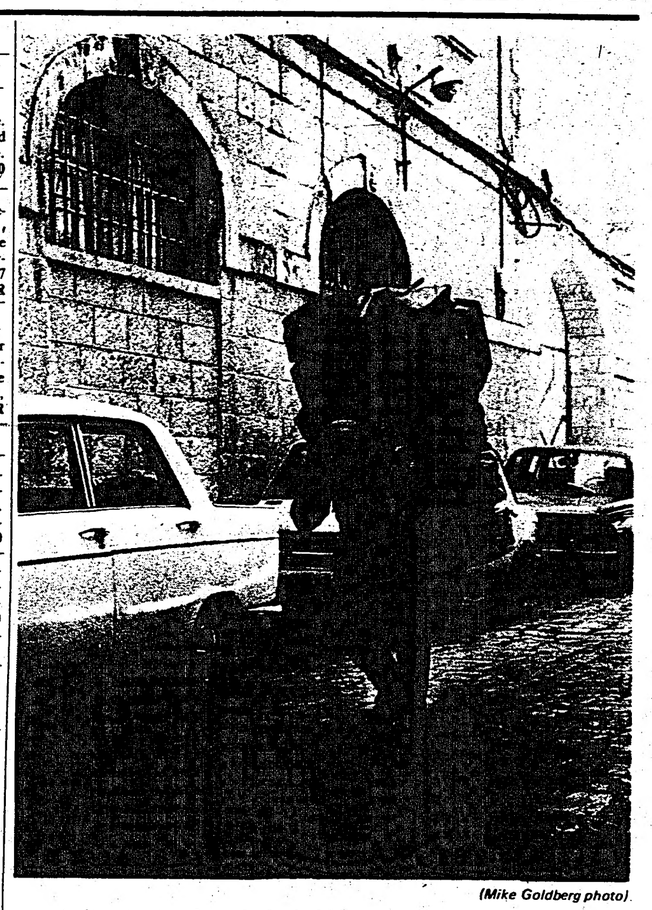

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Arab porter struggles under load of suitcases in Old City of Jerusalem.

An 'accidental' scholar, Warburg began career at advanced age of 35

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — When he was 47 the University of Haifa appointed Gabriel Warburg rector of the Mount Carmel-based institution. It was no mean achievement for a man of that age. But what made the appointment all the more surprising — and extraordinary — was that he had begun his undergraduate studies only 12 years before.

Gabriel Warburg

Warburg, who is spending this year and next as the first Canada-Israel Exchange Fellow at York University, did not think in terms of pursuing an academic career when he took a two-year leave of absence from his kibbutz back in 1961 to study at the Hebrew University.

He was 35, the father of two sons and "there were always more important things to do at the kibbutz," where he was in charge of irrigation in the banana and avocado plantations.

But, he explained, "I had always wanted to study. It was always in back of my mind." Even after he started to read Moslem history and Arabic language and literature at the Hebrew University, it never occurred to him to go into teaching.

"I wanted to do it for my pleasure," he said, adding that the encouragement of his professors and his wife, Rachel, led him deeper into his chosen field of study.

Warburg, 50, gives the impression of being an accidental scholar, a cork tossed in a wind-swept sea. But that is not entirely the truth, he admitted in a recent interview.

"My whole background prepared me for my subsequent career," he noted. Born in Berlin, he grew up in the mixed Arab-Jewish city of Haifa and learned to speak Arabic when he was young. When he was 19, he joined Kibbutz Yehiam, located in what was then an all-Arab region.

The area in which he lived, together with the Arab-Israeli strife that was coming to a head and his experiences in an Arab youth group, aroused his interest in the Middle East. "I started to read about it, without any academic intentions, and one thing led to another."

He graduated from the Hebrew University in 1964, 18 years after having studied at an agricultural school at Bet Shemen. Warburg also attended the School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, and returned to Haifa with a doctorate.

Hired as a lecturer by Haifa Univeristy in 1968, Warburg became head of the department of Middle East history just four years later. He served as rector between 1974-1977, and spent a short period as a research associate at Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies prior to coming to Toronto under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange.

Warburg's speciality is the Sudan, though he is deeply interested in Egypt as well. He has written two books and numerous articles on that African nation. His original intention at university was to study the Urabi Revolt in Egypt, but his supervisor suggested Sudan because it was a fairly uncharted country academically.

As an Israeli, he was not at a disadvantage in studying an Arab League land because the source materials were found in Britain. "From a scholarly point of view, I wouldn't find anything of significance in the Sudan archives that could have a major bearing on my research," he said. "And I see to it that I get the documents I need."

Warburg conceded he feels odd about not being able to visit a country he knows so well and whose people he's fond of. "I'd like to go to Sudan and get a feel of the place," he said. "If I were parachuted into it I think I could find my way around pretty well."

Warburg teaches one course on the Middle East and takes part in another on the "West and the Rest of the World" at York. The university had not offered a course on the region prior to his arrival, and he hopes someone will replace him when he leaves.

He said that though the Middle East is the world's number one trouble spot, universities in North America have not reacted by introducing a plethora of courses on Middle East history and language. In fact, he observed, area studies are on the decline while the study of historical phenomena is on the rise.

Warburg said this age of academic specialization makes it practically impossible for a scholar to get a classical 19th century-type grounding in Oriental studies.

He was asked whether Haifa University's Arab-Jewish Centre, of which he was a founder, has contributed to understanding between Arabs and Jews.

It has helped Arab students upgrade their academic standing and created a non-political framework for Arab-Jewish dialogue, even during times of stress, he replied. The centre's impact on Israeli society is hard to gauge, and while it will not bring peace any closer to fruition, it sows the seeds of mutual understanding.

Warburg, scion of a great banking family, criticized his country for not doing enough to integrate young, educated Israeli Arabs into the mainstream of society. "The threat to our security has been misused by the government," he remarked, saying that Arabs had been excluded from good civil service jobs even in the most innocuous ministries. However, this is slowly changing, he said.

The German-born academic was critical of Israel's public school system, asserting that neither Jews nor Arabs get a "balanced, moderate view" of each other. "It's very hard in an atmosphere of suspicion and hostility to give the right view to school children," he said.

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, he said an independent West Bank-Gaza Strip state will not solve the Palestinian problem but only aggravate it. And Warburg pointed out that Jordan, Saudi Arabia and perhaps Syria opposed the creation of such a state.

Israel, he concluded, could improve its image by stating categorically that the Palestinians are entitled to self-determination, provided they recognized Israel's right to sovereignty and independence.

Organizations and People

(Graphic Artists photo)

Dov Friedlander, director of Hebrew University's Student Counselling Services, addresses Grade 12 and 13 students at Community Hebrew Academy. A former Torontonian, he also appeared at York U.

Egyptian Jew tells of youth at multinational JCC forum

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Struggling against tears, Mireille Moussadji ended her brief account of her Egyptian childhood with the hope that one day, soon, she would be able to visit Israel as well as her hometown, Cairo.

She was one of 13 Jews from 12 different countries who have settled in Hamilton and who gathered at the Jewish Community Centre to tell about their backgrounds and the Jewish customs of their native countries.

For Mrs. Moussadji, who was born in Cairo in 1945, it was a painful moment as she relived the experiences of the 1948 and 1956 wars, when children and parents huddled silently in darkened apartments, listening anxiously "for the footsteps of officials."

But "the government made a difference between Zionists and religious Jews" and despite the persecutions, she said she still has "faith in the Egyptian people."

Not all the stories were as dramatic. "Culturally we feel as though we've never left home," said Edie Sheffield of Melbourne, Australia. Except that the seasons are the wrong way around down under and "saying thank you for the harvest on Succot in the spring" seemed a strange thing to do.

Elisabeth Rosa, who has been in Canada nine years, said in halting English that she would have preferred her daughter-in-law to speak but "when the children were growing up, there was not Jewish life in Czechoslovakia... and we were again oppressed."

Benson Abraham of Bombay, who was visiting his sister here, summarized the history of the Jews of western India, while 74-year-old Sassoon Jonah, a former manager of a jute mill in Calcutta who joined his acountant son Ephraim in Hamilton 10 years ago, told of the Jews in Eastern India.

They rarely intermarried, he said, and generally followed the British in style of dress and education. Indian Jews always have Hebrew names, noted Abraham.

There were Jews from South Africa, Ireland, Cuba, France, Israel, Russia and Yugoslavia but the most exotic, perhaps, was Miriam Abrahams from Hong Kong. Born in Shanghai, her two grandfathers were Persian, while both grandmothers were from Iraq. Her family moved to Hong Kong "where there are very, very few Jews...all very wealthy."

From the Chinese she learnt respect for her elders and "never, never to argue with my parents" and "to our own Jewish superstitions," she said, "we added those of the Chinese."

Adult education classes, lectures

Beth Tzedec ushers in 1978 courses

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec will usher in its 1978 adult education classes and lectures with an assortment of traditional Jewish subjects starting Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

On Monday evening beginning Jan. 9, Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg will offer a weekly shiur in the Talmudic tractate Sanhedrin at 7:45 p.m.

Cantor Joseph Cooper will again give his classes in Hebrew for beginners and more advanced students who wish to perfect their reading knowledge of the traditional siddur.

The elementary class is at 8 p.m., while the more advanced group schedules its class for 9 p.m.

At the same time, as part of its fundamentals division, the synagogue offers a course entitled "To Be A Jew — The Essentials of Judaism." Taught by Friedberg, the course explores the major concepts, practices and holidays in Judaism.

On Tuesday evenings, from Jan 10, the Judaica section offers three courses. Prof. Arnold Ages continues his course entitled "When We Became Free — Jewish Emancipation." The course will deal with the challenges and responses of European Jewry as it confronted emancipation in the face of the rise of modern anti-Semitism.

Abraham Shkop, the distinguished Hebrew scholar, presents his "Reflections on Scripture," taught in Hebrew. He is known for the depth of his analysis of Bible and will focus on some of the prophetical writings in the winter '78 course.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, will also teach a course in Hebrew. "Gleanings from Classical and Modern Hebrew Literature," will provide a survey of Hebrew prose from antiquity to the present day.

On Wednesday evenings from Jan. 11 on, the following courses are offered: Prof. Frank Talmage, of the University of Toronto, gives his "Jewish Mysticism," a text course designed to expose students to the major themes in Jewish mysticism from different periods in Jewish history.

"Conquest and Settlement" is the name of a new course to be offered for the first time by Rabbi Robert Binder of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. His course will deal with settlement in Eretz Israel.

Allan Gould, of the theatre department at Guelph University, will survey modern North American Jewish literature with an eye to extracting its Jewish essences. His course is entitled "Jewish Literature — More Than Meets The Eye."

People wanting to improve their knowledge of modern Hebrew and Yiddish should be aware that Beth Tzedec offers opportunities for this. For Yiddish, a limited number of places is still available for Y. Fiszman's course which meets on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Hedva Tall teaches elementary Hebrew conversation with the Habet Ush'ma method on Monday evenings at 8 p.m., and intermediate Hebrew conversation with the same method on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

Registration for all courses in the Beth Midrash is held from 7:30 on, during the first two weeks of the courses. Fee for synagogue members is $15, non-members, $20, students, $10.

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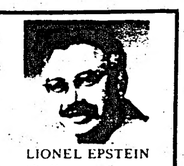

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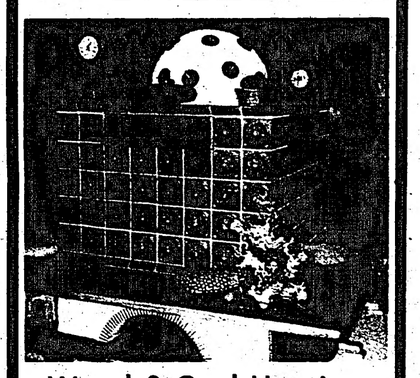

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